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Dear Future 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Over the summer it is crucial that your children continue to read in order to maintain the literacy skills they developed during their year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. As with any skill, practice makes perfect. You would never expect a soccer player to perform well in a game after taking two months off, just as you can't expect children to maintain their reading skills if they aren't going to spend time reading. In order to progress over the summer children need lots of time to read books that are "just right" for their abilities.

It is recommended that students entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade try to read at least 3 or 4 chapter books over the summer. Incorporating some nonfiction reading is also an added bonus. Attached you will find a reading log that students can fill out as a way to keep track of their reading, and this log can be turned in at the beginning of the school year. You will also find a list books at a variety of reading levels ranging from level O to level U. Please help your children select books that you're confident they can read independently, and more importantly, that they'll enjoy.

If students are eager to read a harder book, try reading it aloud together. Children's ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it when reading alone. You can also check out <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fourth-graders/> for more great books for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Our goal for 4<sup>th</sup> grade is for your children to continue their development into lifelong readers, who view reading as something that is both fun and meaningful. Through the independent and shared reading that the students will do this summer and in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade we have no doubt that your children will experience the "thrills and skills" of reading. Happy summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Log

(3-4 chapter books recommended)

Title	Author	Genre	Level	Start Date	End Date
Ex. <i>Tiger Rising</i>	<i>Kate DiCamillo</i>	<i>Realistic Fiction</i>	T	7/9/16	7/17/16
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<u>LEVEL J - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Beezy (series)	McDonald, Megan	X	
Danny And The Dinosaur (series)	Hoff, Syd	X	
Bear (series)	Asch, Frank	X	
Henry And Mudge (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Little Bear (series)	Minarik, Else L	X	
Curious George (series)	Rey, Margaret	X	
Poppleton (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Fox (series)	Marshall, Edward	X	
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
The Snowy Day	Keats, Ezra Jack	X	
Mouse Soup, Owl at Home, etc	Lobel, Arnold	X	
There's An...	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Where The Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice	X	
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!	Dussling, Jennifer		X
Celebrating Chanukah: Eight Nights	Kupperstein, Joel		X
Celebrating Chinese New Year: Nick's New Year	Drew, Rosa		X
Dinosaur Dinners	Davis, Lee		X
Estimating: How Many Gollywomples?	Burstein, John		X
Going By Bus	Ashley, Susan		X
Guinea Pigs	Macken, JoAnn Early		X
Slinky, Scaly Snakes	Dussling, Jennifer		X
The Statue Of Liberty	Penner, Lucille Recht		X
Veterinarian	Gorman, Jacqueline		X

<u>LEVEL K - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Arthur's Early Chapter Books (series)	Hoban, Lillian	X	
Clifford (series)	Brickwell, Norman	X	
Golly Sisters (series)	Byars, Betsy	X	
Frog And Toad (series)	Lobel, Arnold	X	
If You Give a Mouse a... (series)	Numeroff, L	X	
Madeline (series)	Bemelmens, Ludwig	X	
Little Bill (series)	Cosby, Bill	X	
Nate The Great (series)	Sharmat, Marjorie W.	X	
Camp Knock Knock (series)	Douglas, Ann	X	
Three Days On A River In A Red Canoe	Williams, Vera B.	X	
Betsy Ross And the Silver Thimble	Greene, Stephanie		X
Chicken Aren't The Only Ones	Heller, Ruth		X
Dinosaur Time	Parish, peggy		X
The Emperor's Egg	Jenkins, Martin		X
Fire Fighter	Royston, Angela		X
First Flight: The Story Of Tom Tate And			
The Wright Brothers	Shea, George		X
A Girl Named Helen Keller	Lundell, Margo		X
Keep The Lights Burning, Abbie	Roop, Peter And Connie		X
Looking At Maps And Gobles	Bredeson, Carmen		X

<u>LEVEL L - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Amelia Bedelia (series)	Parish, Peggy	X	
Cam Jansen (series)	Adler, David A,	X	
Geroge And Martha (series)	Marshall. James	X	
Judy Moody (series)	McDonald, Megan	X	
Miss Nelson Books (series)	Allard, Harry	X	
Pinky And Rex (series)	Howe, James	X	
Black Lagoon (series)	Thaler, Mike	X	
Ginger Brown (series)	Wyeth, Sharon	X	
Deputy Dan (series)	Rosenbloom, Joseph	X	
Horrible Harry (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Song Lee (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story Of Balto	Standford, Natalie		X
Dinosaur Days	Milton, Joyce		X
Dolphin	Morris, Robert Ada		X
From Flower to Honey	Nelson, Robin		X
From Idea to Book	Marshall. James		X
Hungry, Hungry Sharks	Cole, Joanna		X
The Snow Walker	Wetterer, Margaret K.		X
Thinking About Ants	Brenner, Barbara		X
Whales: The Gentle Giants	Milton, Joyce		X
What's It like To Be A Fish?	Pfeffer, Wendy		X

<u>LEVEL M - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Alexander and the...(series)	Viorst, Judith	X	
Arthur (series)	Brown, Marc	X	
Sports Stories (series)	Christopher, Matt	X	
Bailey School Kids (series)	Dadey, Debbie	X	
Polk Street School (series)	Giff, Patricia Reilly	X	
Magic Treehouse (series)	Osborne, Mary Pope	X	
Junie B Jones (series)	Park, Barbara	X	
Russell (series)	Hurwitz, Johanna	X	
Berenstain Bears (series)	Berenstain, S and J	X	
Mary Marony (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Freckle Juice	Blume, Judy	X	
Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara	X	
The One In The Middle Is The Green Kangaroo	Blume, Judy	X	
Too Many Tamales	Soto, Gary	X	
Abe Lincoln's Hat	Brenner, Martha		X
Buddy, The First Seeing Eye Dog	Moore, Eva		X
Five True Dog Stories	Davidson, Margaret		X
George Washington's Mother	Fritz, Jean		X
How A House Is Built	Gibbons, Gail		X
Kate Shelley And The Midnight Express	Wetterer, Margaret K.		X
A Picture Book Of Rosa Parks	Adler, David A.		X
Titanic: the Disaster That Shocked The World	Dubowski, Mark		X

<u>LEVEL N - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
A-Z Mysteries (series)	Roy, Ron	X	
Amber Brown (series)	Danziger, Paula	X	
Encyclopedia Brown (series)	Sobel, David	X	
The Stories Julian Tells (series)	Cameron, Ann	X	
Herbie Jones (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Chicken Sunday	Polacco, Patricia	X	
The Chocolate Touch	Catling, Patrick Skene	X	
How to Be Cool in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Douglas, Ann	X	
My Name Is Maria Isabel	Ada, Alma F.	X	
Shoeshine Girl	Bulla, Clyde R.	X	
All Pigs Are Beautiful	King-Smith, Dick		X
Helen Keller: Courage In the dark	Hurwitz, Johanna		X
How A Book Is Made	Aliki		X
Jackie Robinson And the Story Of All-Black Baseball	O'Connor, Jim		X
Just A Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Fritz, Jean		X
Louis Braille, The Boy Who Invented Books For The Blind	Davidson, Margaret		X
My Great-Aunt Arizona	Houston, Gloria		X
Pompeii - Buried Alive!	Kunhardt, Edith		X
Shark Attack!	Dubowski, Cathy East		X
The Titanic: Lost.....And Found	Donnelly, Judy		X

<u>LEVEL O - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Babysitters Club (series)	Martin, Ann M	X	
Baseball Saved Us	Mochizuki, Ken	X	
The Boxcar Children (series)	Warner, Gertrude C.	X	
Chocolate Fever	Smith, Robert K.	X	
Class Clown, Class President, Baseball Fever	Hurwitz, Johanna	X	
The Courage Of Sarah Noble	Dagliesh, Alice	X	
Aldo Applesauce (series)	Hurwitz, Johanna	X	
Henry (series)	Cleary, Beverly	X	
The Mouse And the Motorcycle (series)	Cleary, Beverly	X	
Pippi Longstocking (series)	Lindgren, Astrid	X	
Ramona (series)	Cleary, Beverly	X	
Ant Cities	Dorros, Arthur		X
Baseball's Best: Five True Stories	Gutelle, Andrew		X
Corn Is Maize	Aliki		X
How My Family Lives In America	Kuklin, Susan		X
I Am Rosa Parks	Parks, Rosa with Jim Haskins		X
Is there Life In Outer Space?	Branley, Franklyn M.		X
The Story Of Ruby Bridges	Coles, Robert		X
Ten True Animal Rescues	Betancourt, Jeanne		X
What's The Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Fritz, Jean		X
Space Station Plot and Other Cases	Simon, Seymour		X
Gigantic Ants and Other Cases	Simon, Seymour		X

<u>LEVEL P - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Hank the Cowdog (series)	Erickson, John	X	
Fantastic Mr. Fox, The Twits,	Dahl, Roald	X	
Magic School Bus (series)	Joanna Cole	X	
Time Warp Trio (series)	Scieszka, Jon	X	
Wayside School (series)	Sachar, Louis	X	
Flat Stanley (series)	Brown, Jeff	X	
Skinnybones (series)	Park, Barbara	X	
Bunnicula (series)	Howe, James	X	
Best School Year Ever	Robinson, B	X	
Best Enemies	Leverich, Kathleen	X	
Tar Beach	Ringgold, Faith	X	
Through Grandpa's Eyes	MacLachlan, Patricia	X	
Andrew Carnegie: Builder Of Libraries	Simon, Charman		X
Balto And The Great Race	Kimmel, Elizabeth C.		X
Brainstorm	Tucker, Tom		X
Dinosaur Bones	Aliki		X
The Land I Lost	Huynh, Quang Nhuong		X
The Magic School Bus Lost in The Solar System	Cole, Joanna		X
Rosa, Parks	Greenfield, Eloise		X
Tut's Mummy Lost.... And Found	Donnelly, Judy		X
Water Buffalo Days	Huynh, Quang Nhuong		X
What Are You Figuring Now? A Story About Benjamin Banneker	Ferris, Jeri		X