



INCOMING 4TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Listed Alphabetically by Author

Summer provides many opportunities for parents and young children to enjoy unforgettable books together. A suggested list of titles is listed below. We also encourage you to visit your local public library. Be sure to fill out the elementary reading log and bring it to school when you return in September in order to receive a summer reading certificate.

Title	Author	Synopsis	Genre
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater, Richard	An absurd tale of an unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin that changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions. Newbery Honor.	Humor
Finding the Titanic	Ballard, Robert	Describes the voyage of the Titanic, the accident that caused it to sink, and the rescue of those who survived.	Nonfiction
The Indian in the Cupboard	Banks, Lynn Reid	What could be better than a small cupboard that makes toys come alive? A simple birthday present turns Omri's life into a magical adventure	Fantasy Adventure
The Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles #1)	Black, Holly and Tony DiTerlizzi	When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.	Fantasy
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy	Peter Hatcher, fourth grader, is sick and tired of his two-year-old, terror of a brother, Fudge. How can Peter get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?	Realistic Fiction Family
Skateboard Tough	Christopher, Matt	When Brett finds a mysterious skateboard buried in his front yard, his skateboarding abilities suddenly improve. His friends wonder – is the skateboard haunted?	Fiction Sports
Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue	Gantos, Jack	Fourth-grader Jack learns there are no easy answers when his family moves to Cape Hatteras and he is faced with a crazy school year and a bizarre neighbor	Realistic Fiction Humor
Just Juice	Hesse, Karen	Times are bad for Juice and her family- Pa is unemployed, food is short, Ma is having another baby and Pa is about to lose the house because he can't read. Juice often stays home from school to work with Pa and helps to take care of Ma. This is a story about a strong loving family who pulls together.	Realistic Fiction



A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin	Hesse, Karen	In the 1860's, while working in her father's lighthouse on an island off the coast of Delaware, 15-year-old Amelia records in her diary how the Civil War is beginning to devastate her divided state.	Historical Fiction
Balto and the Great Race	Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody	An epidemic strikes the children of Nome, Alaska in 1925. There are no roads through the icy wilderness. The only way to get the cure is by sled- Balto, a sled dog, leads the race for life.	Nonfiction
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Newbery Winner	Realistic Fiction
Stage Fright on a Summer Night	Osborne, Mary Pope	#25 in the Magic Tree House series has Jack and Annie traveling back in time to Elizabethan London, where they become actors in a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream and try to rescue a tame bear.	Fantasy
Fourth Grade Rats	Spinelli, Jerry	"First grade babies!/Second grade cats!/Third grade angels!/Fourth grade rats!" This schoolyard rhyme is carried too far when Joey instructs his best friend Suds in the ways of rebellion and acting tough. This fast-paced, hilarious story is about the transition between third and fourth grade	Realistic Fiction Humor
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Step toe, John	Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife. An African folktale in the tradition of the "Cinderella" Story.	Non Fiction Multicultural