



SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 4

FICTION

* Challenging text

Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café by Judy Cox

Sam is spending the summer in the middle of Nevada, working at the remote Lonesome Café and the help wanted sign in the window brings some very strange visitors.

Why I Will Never Ever Ever Have Enough Time to Read this Book by Remy Charlip

The narrator of this book lists her daily schedule from morning to night in order to explain why she can't read the very book the reader has in his or her hands.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

A nine-year-old humorously describes his life with his little brother.

The Raft by Jim LaMarche

Spending the summer on the river with his "river rat" grandmother, a city boy discovers the joys of the outdoors.

Shrinking Violet by Cari Best

A shy girl saves the day and the school play by standing up to the bothersome bully.

Guess Who's Babysitting? by Lauren Child

When both parents are called away, a care-giving crisis ensues when fire-fighter Uncle Ted comes to the rescue.

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson

Two girls transcend racial boundaries when they share a spot on the fence that divides their town.

As the Crow Flies by Elizabeth Winthrop

A boy describes how he feels when his father travels across the country to spend a week with him.

*Streets of Gold by Rosemary Wells

Describes conditions in late-nineteenth-century Russia, Mary's passage across the ocean to America, and her first year in school.

Nutik, the Wolf Pup by Jean Craighead George

A story adapted from Julie's Wolf Pack (HarperCollins, 1997) for a picture-book readership. In simple language and repetitive cadence, she tells of an Eskimo boy and the wolf pup he raises under his sister's watchful supervision.

*The School Story by Andrew Clements

Young girl decides to become a published novelist basing her revealing story on school life.

The Kid in the Red Jacket by Barbara Park

A boy moves to Massachusetts only to find himself living across the street from a nuisance of a kindergartner.

She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head by Kathryn Lasky

Two Boston ladies fight the new feather fashion trend.

The Not Just Anybody Family by Betsy Byars

The Blossom family is continuously beset by bizarre mishaps.

*In the Year of the Boar by Bette Bao Lord

A ten-year-old Chinese girl emigrates to America in 1947 and assimilates into the American culture. Humorous with a baseball bent.

NON-FICTION

How to Talk to Your Dog/Cat by Jean Craighead George

Two books full of information that kids can use to make friends of their pets.

Berry Smudges and Leaf Prints: Find and Making Colors from Nature by Ellen B. Senisi

Instructions for creating natural dyes and an assortment of crafts.

So You Want to Be President by Judith St. George

Find out what strange things former presidents have done! Clever writing and humorous illustrations.

Seasons of the Moon (3 book series) by Jean Craighead George

These books follow the 13 moons of a lunar year. Each chapter covers one cycle of the moon and is relayed by a different North American animal.

True Life Treasure Hunts by Judy Donnelly

Exciting true stories about where pirates buried treasure in the United States and east coast.

*The Chimpanzees I Love by Jane Goodall

Reveals exciting discoveries made about the chimpanzees.

Everybody Needs a Rock by Byrd Baylor

A guide to finding your own special rock that can teach a good deal about the universe.

Moonwalk: The First Trip to the Moon by Judy Donnelly

Meet the first men to set foot about the moon. Original photos!

Pompeii: Buried Alive by Edith Kunhardt

A volcano erupts without warning and a town disappears.

The Legend of the Teddy Bear by Frank Murphy

Describes how the first teddy bear originated, inspired by President Teddy Roosevelt.

Baseball's Greatest Hitters by S. A. Kramer

Stories about five of baseball's batting legends.

Baseball's Best Five True Stories by Andrew Gutelle

Five true stories about some of the greatest stars ever to play our national pastime.

CLASSICS

The Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum

The Magic Carpet by E. Nesbit

The Phoenix by E. Nesbit

POETRY

Awful Ogre's Awful Day by Jack Prelutsky

Short poems describing the Awful Ogre's day.

It's Raining Pigs and Noodles by Jack Prelutsky

Collection of humorous poems.

Toasting Marshmallows by Kristine O'Connell George

A child savors the sights, sounds, and smells of a family camping trip.

Mammalabilia by Douglas Florian

Wordplay and shameless punnery to the order of mammals. Mammalabilia.

Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems by Paul B. Janeczko
Word play and puzzling meanings.

The Mouse of Amherst by Elizabeth Spires

FAVORITE SERIES

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park

Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole

Cam Jansen by David Adler

*Sports Series by Matt Christopher

American Girls series by various authors

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Boxcar Children by Warner

The Bailey School Kids by Debbie Dadey

Amber Brown by Paula Danziger

* Tales of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

*Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder

FAVORITE AUTHORS

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READ ALOUDS

The Velveteen Rabbit by Marjorie Williams

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

MAGAZINES

Ranger Rick Magazine – *Amazing facts, photos, and outdoor adventures.*

Sports Illustrated for Kids – *Interviews with sports heroes, comics, action photos.*

Nickelodeon Magazine – *Popular culture, movies, TV, games, puzzles.*