

Rising 4th grade Summer Reading

Students will be required to read 2 books over the summer and write a written book report on each book. One book should be from the list below and one book needs to be a biography of a person. The book reports are due on the first day of school. The grade from the 2 book reports will be averaged into the 1st nine weeks report card. The book list is divided into 3 sections: Transitional, Chapter books (on 4th grade level), and Advanced. Listed below are the books they may choose from and also attached is one copy of the book report form and the biography book report form. Additional copies are available on the 4th grade web page. Enjoy your reading!!

Transitional Books

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

Ten year old Willy lives in Jackson, Wyoming on a potato farm with his grandfather and his dog, Searchlight. When his grandfather falls ill and the tax collector comes calling for back taxes, Willy is determined to find the money to save the farm, but where can a 10 year old boy earn \$500?

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

John Midas loves chocolate. He loves it so much that he'll eat it any hour of any day. He doesn't care if he ruins his appetite. He thinks chocolate is better than any other food! But one day, after wandering into a candy store and buying a piece of their best chocolate, John finds out that there might just be such a thing as too much chocolate.

Bunnicula by James Howe

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.

Chapter Books (4th grade level)

Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White

Louis is a mute trumpeter swan. He becomes determined to learn to play the trumpet and there starts his adventures and misadventures.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Sam is tired of living in a crowded New York apartment so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains. This is his story in the wild.

Wayside School is Falling Down by Louis Sachar

More humorous stories from Wayside School where students still have to bravely face the cafeteria's dreaded mushroom surprise. Always fun to read.

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Running away from home to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Claudia and Jamie find themselves in the midst of a mystery.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Willy Wonka's Famous Chocolate Factory is opening at last! But only five lucky children will be allowed inside ... and what Augustus Gloop, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde, Mike Teavee, and Charlie Bucket find is even wilder than any of the wild rumors they've heard! Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

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.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

An affectionate, sometimes bashful pig named Wilbur befriends a spider named Charlotte, who lives in the rafters above his pen. Determined to save her friend, Charlotte spins a web that reads "Some Pig," convincing the farmer and surrounding community that Wilbur is no ordinary animal and should be saved.

Sarah, Plain & Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

A Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The adventures of a country cricket whom unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar

An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.

Forever Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger

Amber Brown is coping with a lot in her own way. Her parents are divorced and her father is in France. Now, her mother might remarry. Will she remain Amber Brown?

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

Advanced

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

Souder by William Howard Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young African American boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Souder.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

The remarkable story of a strange and beautiful Indian girl who lives a serene and courageous life as the solitary survivor on a rocky island off the California coast.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riorda

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school . . . again. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to stay out of trouble. But can he really be expected to stand by and watch while a bully picks on his scrawny best friend? Or not defend himself against his pre-algebra teacher when she turns into a monster and tries to kill him? Of course, no one believes Percy about the monster incident; he's not even sure he believes himself.

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Name _____

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BOOK REPORT

Title: _____

Author: _____

I think this book is: poor good very good excellent

The main characters of my book were _____

My favorite character in this book was _____

because _____

This book was about _____

Name _____

Biography Book Report

Summer 2009

Title _____

Author _____

Type of book: _____ Pages: _____

Write a summary of the book.

Write 5 interesting facts you learned from reading this book that you did not know before reading the book.

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2. _____

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