

Fourth Grade Summer Reading

REQUIRED READING

All fourth graders must read TWO of the following books or two “window” books of their choice.

***How Tía Lola Came to (Visit) Stay* by Julia Alvarez**

Miguel’s magical aunt comes from the Dominican Republic to Vermont to help his Mami after Miguel’s parents separate.

***Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott**

Jaxon is sent to help an old woman he thinks is his grandmother. He finds out she’s a witch, and she needs help delivering baby dragons to a safe place.

***Brendan Buckley’s Universe* by Sundee Frazier**

Brendan loves science, asking questions and finding answers. When he meets his estranged Grandfather by accident, he finds out they share a love of geology but not the color of their skin. Why did his mother never speak about his grandfather?

***Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai**

A funny story about Jingwen and his move to a new country, his annoying little brother and their cake-baking disasters.

***A Dog Called Homeless* by Sarah Lean**

Cally knows she can see her dead mother and a wolfhound who appears with her mother. When no one will believe her, Cally stops talking.

TRY SOMETHING NEW (not required reading)

***Amari and the Night Brothers*. B.B. Alston**

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good.

***The Unforgettable Logan Foster #1*. Shawn Peters**

Packed with superheroes, supervillains, and epic showdowns between good and evil, The Unforgettable Logan Foster from debut author Shawn Peter shows that sometimes being a hero is just about being yourself.

Where the Sky Lives. Margaret Dilloway

When life doesn't make sense, twelve-year-old amateur astronomer Tuesday Beals has always looked to the stars above Zion National Park, where she lives. Her beloved late uncle Ezra taught her astronomy, but now their special stargazing sites are all she has left of him, along with his ashes and a poem that may be a riddle.

Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year. Nina Hamza

After his dad gets sick, the family moves from Hawaii to Minnesota for his dad's treatment. Even though his dad grew up there, Ahmed can't imagine a worse place to live. He's one of the only brown kids in his school. And as a proud slacker, Ahmed doesn't want to deal with expectations from his new teachers.

Scout is Not a Band Kid. Jade Armstrong (graphic novel)

When Scout learns that her favorite author is doing an exclusive autograph session at the end of the year, she's determined to be there! She officially needs a plan...and when she finds out that her school's band is heading to the same location for their annual trip, an idea takes shape. Being a band kid can't be that hard, right?

Snow Struck. Nick Courage

An historic blizzard is raging across the eastern seaboard, and three unsuspecting kids are about to find themselves smack in the middle of it! Perfect for fans of the I SURVIVED series who are looking for a high-stakes adventure!

Harvey Comes Home. Colleen Nelson

Harvey, a West Highland Terrier, follows his nose a little too far from home and needs some help. When he's taken in by a boy volunteering at a retirement home, it just might be Harvey who does the helping.

One Last Shot. John David Anderson

Malcolm, a quirky kid who hears voices in his head, feels like he just keeps falling short. His parents may be separating and he assumes it's his fault. When Malcolm discovers miniature golf--a sport his dad can't obsess over--dad signs Malcolm up for lessons and enters him in tournaments.

The Simple Art of Flying. Cory Leonardo

Born in a pet store, Alastair the African grey parrot dreams of escape with his sister, Aggie. But when Aggie is purchased by twelve-year-old Fritz, and Alastair is adopted by an elderly dancer and pie-baker, the future looks ready to crash-land. Alastair must find a way to reunite his family.

Stargazing. Jen Wang (graphic novel)

Christine and Moon live in the same Chinese-American suburb, but are opposites. Perfectionist Christine and artistic Moon become unlikely best friends. Their friendship survives jealousy, social expectations, and illness.

***The Year of Shadows.* Claire Legrand**

Olivia is having a rough year. Her mother's left, her father--the maestro of a failing orchestra--has moved her and her grandmother into a broken-down concert hall. Her only friend is Igor, an ornery stray cat. Just when Olivia thinks life couldn't get any weirder, she meets four ghosts who haunt the hall. They need Olivia's help--if the hall is torn down, they'll be stuck as ghosts forever, never able to move on.

SERIES YOU MAY NOT KNOW

***City Spies.* James Ponti**

***The Lost Tide Warriors.* Catherine Doyle**

***Elements of a Genius.* Jess Keating**

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.* Judy Blume**

***Sisters Grimm.* Michael Buckley**

***Lemonade Wars.* Jacqueline Davies**

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library.* Chris Grabenstein**

***Baseball Card Adventure.* Dan Gutman**