

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)

Camp. Kayla Miller (graphic novel)

Olive is sure she’ll have the best time at summer camp with her friend Willow. Olive makes friends with the other campers, but Willow struggles and latches on to the only person she knows—Olive.

Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson’s Journal. Jeff Kinney

It’s finally time for Wimpy Kid readers to hear from Rowley in a journal of his own. He writes about his experiences and agrees to write about Greg, too. But Rowley’s “biography” of Greg is a hilarious mess.

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.

The Lost Tide Warriors. (The Storm Keepers Island, Book 2). Catherine Doyle

Fionn Boyle is discovering how much magic is in Arranmore Island. But Arranmore is in trouble; illness has swept across the land. Fionn must find a way to protect the island. But how can he get help from a huge army of sea creatures without any magic or the faintest idea of where to look for them?

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

The Indian in the Cupboard. Lynne Reid Banks

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. Judy Blume

Sisters Grimm. Michael Buckley

Lemonade Wars. Jacqueline Davies

The Moffats. Eleanor Estes

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. Chris Grabenstein

Baseball Card Adventure. Dan Gutman