

Summer Reading List

Students Entering Grade 4

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Favorites

Alvin Ho Books
by Lenore Look

Lowji Discovers America
by Candace Flemming

Remembering Mrs. Rossi
by Amy Hest

Piper Reed: Navy Brat
by Kimberly Holt

Thunder Rose
by Jerdine Nolen

The Comic Book Kid
by Adam Osterwell

Hoop Queens
by Charles Smith Jr.

Zathura
by Chris Van Allsburg

Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler
by William Wise

Jake Maddox Books
by Jake Maddox

Dear Parents,

Summer vacation is almost here! We hope that you make it a time to **REST, RELAX, READ**, but above all **ENJOY!**

Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “just right” books (not too easy and not too hard), and when they can explore books about topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone’s encouragement, suggestions, and praise, the better and more confident readers they will become.

Here are some tips to encourage reading:



Set aside a regular family reading and/or read aloud time.



Read to your children, even the older ones.



Recognize that your child’s own choice and interests are important ingredients toward your reading enjoyment.



Let your child see you reading for pleasure.



Don’t forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.



Participate in activities at the local library



Learn more about children’s books, from your child’s friends, from the local library, or from the attached lists

Turn over to the back for
Summer Reading Requirement for
Entering 4th Grade

Dear Soon-to-be-Fourth-Graders and Parents,

"Summer reading is an important component of an overall reading program. Research shows that summer vacation often has a significant negative effect on student learning. Providing opportunities for students to read regularly during the summer can prevent documented reading achievement losses. The bottom line is that students who read during the summer do better in the fall."¹

The fourth grade teachers, along with our administrators, want our students to continue to grow academically over the summer. We all believe that one component to help implement this task is a mandatory summer reading assignment. The fourth grade reading teacher has chosen different books from quality authors in a variety of genres. Your child should read **one** of these books over the summer and then either take the AR test for the book or complete a written assignment.

Mandatory Reading Book List

- *Fourth Grade Rats* by Jerry Spinelli
- Any book by Beverly Cleary
 - ie: *Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, Ribsby*
- Any reading selection from the *I Survived* Series
- Any book from the *Who Was, Who is, or Where is* Series

AR Option

If your child chooses to read the book during the months of June or July and would like to take the AR test, I would highly recommend that s/he takes the test very soon after completing the book. If your child chooses to read the book in August and would like to take the AR test, I would recommend waiting until later in the month because your child will have to wait to test until the first day of school. Your child must score an **80%** or better in order for the test to count.

If your child scores lower they must be prepared to take a second AR test when they return to school. Students new to St. Susanna in 4th grade must be sure to speak with Mrs. Terri Cunningham of Miss Nancy Thomas if they take the test during summer AR times.

We will have the computer lab open every Thursday afternoon and also on 3 Tuesday mornings. Please take note of the hours below.

- **THURSDAY AFTERNOONS from 3:30 to 5:30 pm**
 - June 13
 - June 20
 - June 27
 - July 11
 - July 18

- **TUESDAY MORNINGS from 10 am to 12 pm**
 - June 25
 - July 9
 - July 16.

¹ Read, Write, Think- Calendar Activities: June 21, 2009

