Summer reading is an extremely important component of your child’s transition from one grade to the next. We encourage you to have your child read as much as possible over the summer. Below, you will find a list of **required books** of which you must only choose one and a list of **suggested books** of which you may choose one. We do not expect you to purchase these books and understand that you are not required to only read the ones from the suggested book list.

All students entering the 4th grade must have read at least two books during the summer. One of those books MUST be chosen from the **Required Reading list**. This will be the book that your child will complete a beginning of the year book project for when she begins fourth grade. The second choice can come from any of the lists or can be a book of her own choosing. Please have your child write down her favorite book choices and the author of each on the back of this page and return it to school within the first week of classes. Students may want to wait until the end of the summer to read the book from the Required Reading list because they will be completing a project on this book and will want to have it fresh in their memory.

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**Required Reading List** (MUST choose at least one from this list)

*Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O’Dell  
*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate (*a favorite of the 18-19 4th graders*)  
*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Cholden  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*Any other Newberry Honor book*

**Suggested Reading List** (MAY choose one from this list)

*The Magician’s Nephew* by CS Lewis  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly  
*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom* by Louis Sachar  
*Little House in the Big Woods* (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Anne of Green Gables* (series) by Lucy Montgomery  
*Firnle* by Andrew Clements  
*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl (other books by this author)

**Recommended Books by Current Fourth Graders**

*The School for Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani  
*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty  
*Dork Diaries Series* by Rachel Renee Russel  
*Dog Man Graphic Novels* by Dav Pilkey  
*The Misadventures of Max Crumbly* by Rachel Renee Russel  
*The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis