



Summer Reading List

Rising 4th Grade

2025-26 School Year



Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards (RIF). Choose books from the following list or head to the library and explore the shelves. Children should read for at least 20 minutes each day. Allow them to choose books that are of interest to them to encourage reading for pleasure.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level is to choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than 5 words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don't let that discourage you - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

Read at least 3 of the following books this summer (in addition to lots of self-selected reading)! Use the accompanied reading log to track your reading.

Sisterhood of Sleuths

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Judy Blume

Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Louis Sachar

The Homework Machine

Dan Gutman

The Boys Start the War

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The One and Only Ivan

Katherine Applegate

Any TruFlix online biography – <https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/tfx?ucn=600046207>

Username: stjohncath **Password:** flix

El Deafo

Cece Bell

Any of the Keena Ford Books

Melissa Thompson

Too Small Tola (or any of the Tola books)

Atinuke

The Tale of Despereaux

Kate DiCamillo

The Celery Stalks at Midnight

James Howe

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Brian Selznick

Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures

Maggie Stiefvater & Jackson Pearce