



## Summer Reading List Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2020-21 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.**

### **Required Reading – Choose at least 2 of the following books:**

<u>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</u>	Judy Blume
<u>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</u>	Louis Sachar
<u>The Homework Machine</u>	Dan Gutman
<u>The Boys Start the War</u>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
<u>The One and Only Ivan</u>	Katherine Applegate

### **Choose at least 1 more from the following:**

<u>The Tale of Despereaux</u>	Kate DiCamillo
<u>The Celery Stalks at Midnight</u>	James Howe
<u>The Summer of the Swans</u>	Betsy Byars
<u>The White Giraffe</u>	Lauren St. John
<u>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</u>	Brian Selznick