

Oak Hill School 2018 Summer Reading Rising Fourth Grade

Summer is a time for children to run, swim, play...and read! Not only is summer reading fun, but it can help keep reading skills sharp. This can make it easier for a child to adjust when he or she returns to school. Summer reading should be a relaxing experience. Some of the following tips might help you to encourage your child to read during the summer:

- Read to your child (see list below titled “**Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Parents to Read to Children**” for suggestions)
- Be a reader yourself
- Discuss what your child has read
- Provide books and magazines which your child will enjoy
- Visit your local library or Parnassus Book Store

Required Reading for Rising Fourth Graders

***Upper-School Read:**

William Kamkwamba: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition*

We encourage families to read this book together. You may read aloud, take turns reading, listen to it on Audible, or whatever suits your family! We will be discussing this book and engaging in various activities when your child returns in August. Happy reading!

***And, choose any three books from the lists below. One book may be a graphic novel, but at least two must be chapter books. Or, read 1000 minutes from the lists below.**

Students must keep a reading log of their summer reading. Students should include the title, author, when the book was read (month), how long they read (if doing the 1000 min option), and one word to describe the book.

Great Chapter Books:

American Girl books: historical fiction series by varying authors

Kathi Appelt: *Maybe a Fox*

Jane Birdsall: *The Penderwicks*

Judy Blume: *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing*

Frances Hodgson Burnett: *The Secret Garden*

Beverly Cleary: *Ramona* series, *Henry* series and *Ralph* series

Andrew Clements: *Frindle*, *School Story*, *The Jacket*, *No Talking*, *The Losers Club*, and *Keepers of the School* series

Roald Dahl: *Fantastic Mr. Fox, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, and *James & the Giant Peach*
Jacqueline Davies: *The Lemonade War* series
Kate DiCamillo: *Flora & Ulysses* and *The Magician's Elephant*
Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black: *The Spiderwick Chronicles* series
Betsy Duffey: *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade*
Jeanne DuPrau: *The City of Ember*
Kate Egan: *The Vanishing Coin* series
Louise Erdrich: *The Birchbark House*
Elizabeth Eulberg: *The Great Shelby Holmes* series
Andy Griffiths: *Treehouse* series
Dan Gutman: *The Homework Machine, My Weird School* series, and *Genius Files* series
Deborah and James Howe: *Bunnicula* series
Marcia Thornton Jones: *Ghostville Elementary* series
Patrick Skene Katling: *The Chocolate Touch*
E.L. Konigsburg: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Gordan Korman: *The Everest* series and *Swindle* series
Gail Carson Levine: *Ella Enchanted*
Astrid Lindgren: *Pippi Longstocking*
Betty MacDonald: *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series
Megan McDonald: *Judy Moody* series
Ann M. Martin: *The Doll People* series
Mary Norton: *The Borrowers*
James Patterson: *Treasure Hunters* series
Sara Pennypacker: *Clementine* series
Thomas Rockwell: *How to Eat Fried Worms*
J.K. Rowling: *Harry Potter* series (also a wonderful parent read aloud)
Steve Stevenson: *Agatha: Girl of Mystery* series
Geronimo Stilton: *Geronimo Stilton* series
Thea Stilton: *Thea Stilton* series
Lauren Tarshis: *I Survived* series
Sarah Weeks : *Pie, Honey, and Cheese*
E.B. White: *Trumpet and the Swan* and *Stuart Little*
Rita Williams-Garcia: *One Crazy Summer*

Awesome Graphic Novels:

The images in graphic novels reinforce the story. The student needs to study the pictures in order to fully understand the text and can make inferences about the story based on both the pictures and the dialogue. Brigid Alverson writes in *School Library Journal*, "Educators

agree that graphic novels are useful for teaching new vocabulary, visual literacy, and reading skills.” Students also gain confidence in their reading skills by being able to decipher what is going on in the story before they have learned how to read every word.

George Beard: *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk* series

Paige Braddock: *Stinky Cecil* series

Drew Brockington: *CatStronauts* series

James Burks: *Bird & Squirrel* series

Frank Cammuso: *The Misadventures of Salem Hyde* series

Jack Charbet: *Poptropica* series

Eric Colossal: *Rutabega* series

Mike Crilley: *The Drawing Lesson*

Derek Fridolfs: *DC Comics Super Hero Society* series

Emmanuel Guibert: *Ariol* series

Nathan Hale: *Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales* series

Shannon Hale: *Rapunzel’s Revenge* Ben Hatke: *Mighty Jack* and *Zita the Spacegirl* series

Jennifer Holm: *Squish* series and *BabyMo*

Konami Kanata: *Fuku Fuku* series

Jarrett J. Krozocska: *Lunch Lady* series

Scott McCormick: *Mr. Pants* series

Lincoln Pierce: *Big Nate* series

Anouk Ricard: *Anna & Froga* series

Rafael Rosado: *Giant’s Beware* and *Dragons Beware*

Doug Savage: *Laser Moose* and *Rabbit Boy*

Kevin Sherry: *The Yeti Files* series

Dana Simpson: *Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure* series

Ashley Spires: *Binky* series

Sara Varon: *Bake Sale*, *Robot Dreams*, and *Sweater Weather*

Ursula Vernon: *Hamster Princess* series

Judd Winnick: *HiLo* series

Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Parents to Read to Children:

It is wonderful to read picture books aloud to your children as long as you can, no child is too old for a picture book! However, it is also beneficial to read longer books aloud to your children. Reading 20 minutes before bedtime is a great way to spend time with your kids and also share stories they will always remember. Here are some chapter books that kids

enjoy during their elementary years. The content can sometimes be heavier however, so make sure and preview a book if it seems scary or too much for your child.

Avi: *Poppy*

Blue Balliet: *Chasing Vermeer*

William J. Bennett: *A Children's Book of Virtues (a family favorite)*

Kate DiCamillo: *Because of Winn Dixie & The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Louise Fitzhugh: *Harriet the Spy*

Madeleine L'Engle: *A Wrinkle in Time*

C.S. Lewis: *Chronicles of Narnia series (read The Magician's Nephew first)*

Grace Lin: *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon and When the Sea Turned to Silver*

L.M. Montgomery: *Anne of Green Gables*

Rick Riordan: *Percy Jackson series*

J.K. Rowling: *Harry Potter series*

Lemony Snicket: *A Series of Unfortunate Events*

