

2019 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
- Be a reader yourself
- Discuss what your child has read
- Provide books and magazines your child will enjoy
- Visit your local library or Parnassus Book Store

Required Reading for Rising Fourth-Graders:

All rising fourth-graders are required to read *Finding Gobi: Young Reader's Edition: The True Story of One Dog's Amazing Adventure*. We encourage families to read *Finding Gobi* together. You may read aloud, take turns reading, listen to it on Audible, or whatever suits your family! We will be discuss this book and engage in various activities when your child returns in August. Happy reading!

In addition to reading *Finding Gobi (Young Reader's Edition)*, rising fourth-graders must read three additional chapter books. If your child needs book ideas, please use the list below for suggestions.

Adventure/Fantasy:

Kathi Appelt: *Maybe a Fox*

Katherine Applegate: *Wishtree* , *The One and Only Ivan*, and *Crenshaw*

Roald Dahl: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, and *James & the Giant Peach*

Kate DiCamillo: *Flora & Ulysses* and *The Magician's Elephant*

Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black: *The Spiderwick Chronicles* series

Kate Egan: *The Vanishing Coin* 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*
Gail Carson Levine: *Ella Enchanted*
Ann M. Martin: *The Doll People* series
Mary Norton: *The Borrowers*
James Patterson: *Treasure Hunters* series
Geronimo Stilton: *Geronimo Stilton* series
Thea Stilton: *Thea Stilton* series
J.K. Rowling: *Harry Potter* series (also a wonderful parent read aloud)
E.B. White: *Trumpet and the Swan* and *Stuart Little*

Historical Fiction:

American Girl books: historical fiction series by varying authors
Louise Erdrich: *The Birchbark House*
Pam Muñoz Ryan: *Riding Freedom*
Lauren Tarshis: *I Survived* series
Rita Williams-Garcia: *One Crazy Summer*
Jennifer L. Holm: *Turtle in Paradise*

Humor:

Jane Birdsall: *The Penderwicks*
Judy Blume: *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing*
Beverly Cleary: *Ramona*, *Henry*, and *Ralph* series
Astrid Lindgren: *Pippi Longstocking*
Betty MacDonald: *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series
Megan McDonald: *Judy Moody* series
Barbara Robinson: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *The Best School Year Ever*

Mystery:

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman: *Book Scavenger*
Wendelin Van Draanen: *Sammy Keyes* series
Sharon M. Draper: *The Buried Bones Mystery (Clubhouse Mysteries series)*
Chris Grabenstein: *Mr. Lemoncello's Library*
E.L. Konigsburg: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Steve Stevenson: *Agatha: Girl of Mystery* series
Gordan Korman: *The Everest* series and *Swindle* series

Donald J. Sobol: *Encyclopedia Brown* series

Realistic Fiction:

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

Jacqueline Davies: *The Lemonade War* series

Kate DiCamillo: *Because of Winn Dixie*

Betsy Duffey: *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade*

Tonya Duncan Ellis: *Sophie Washington* series

Karen English: *Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles* series

Elizabeth Eulberg: *The Great Shelby Holmes* series

Grace Lin: *The Year of the Dog, The Year of the Rat, and Dumpling Days*

Alexander McCall Smith: *Akimbo and the Lions*

Sarah Weeks : *Pie, Honey, and Cheese*

Thomas Rockwell: *How to Eat Fried Worms*

Sports Fiction:

Tiki and Ronde Barber: *Kickoff! (Barber Game Time Books series)*

Dan Gutman: *The Million Dollar Shot (Million Dollar Series)*

Alex Morgan: *The Kicks*

Charisse K. Richardson: *The Real Slam Dunk and Real Lucky Charm*

Amar'e Stoudemire: *STAT: Standing Tall and Talented* series

W.C. Mack: *Athlete vs. Mathlete*