



2014 SUMMER READING

For students who are entering

FOURTH GRADE

Our goal for Summer Reading is to have children expand their ability to communicate through speaking, listening, reading, and writing and, above all, to love reading and writing. Children should have daily opportunities to read high quality children's literature and non-fiction books for pleasure and gathering information. This process will encourage maintenance of spelling and vocabulary words, reinforcement of reading strategies and expand comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Please note that the following lists reflect readers of many different levels. Children are encouraged to choose other books by the authors listed below.

Book Selections:

Boyce, Cotrell Frank	<i>Cosmic</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Extra Credit</i> (Nutmeg Nominee)
Coman, Carolyn	<i>The Memory Bank</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>Baseball Card Adventure</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Talent Show</i>
Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>Deep and Dark and Dangerous</i> (Nutmeg Nominee)
Klise, Kate	<i>Dying to Meet You</i> (Nutmeg Nominee)
LaFevers, R. L.	<i>Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist</i>
Law, Ingrid	<i>Scumble</i>
Mazer, Anne	<i>Amazing Days of Abby Hayes</i>
Muñoz-Ryan, Pam	<i>The Dreamer</i>
Rodda, Emily	<i>The Key to Rondo</i> (Nutmeg Nominee)
Rondina, Catherine	<i>Don't Touch That Toad and Other Strange Things</i>
Selznick, Brian	<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>
Sobol, Donald	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>
Tavares, Matt	<i>Henry Aaron's Dream</i>
Various Authors	<i>39 Clues</i>
Warner, Gertrude Chandler	<i>Boxcar Children</i>
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i>
Winkler, Henry	<i>Hank Zipper</i>

Favorite Authors

Avi	Christopher, Matt
Cleary, Beverly	Creech, Sharon
Dahl, Roald	Dixon, Franklin
Florian, Douglas	Funke, Cornelia
Keene, Carolyn	Lansky, Bruce

Martin, Ann
Norton, Mary
Silverstein, Shel
Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Nimmo, Jenny
Osborne, Mary Pope
White, E. B.

Activities:

- Keep a journal of events that happen over the summer. Be very descriptive in your writing.
- Get cozy and listen to a book on tape.
- Go to the library and check out books.
- Send a postcard to the Unquowa School Library

Summer Skills:

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