



2023 Summer Reading List

First Presbyterian Day School

Dear Lower School Parents,

The purpose of our Elementary Summer Reading Program is to nurture the habit of reading and to develop secure skills by engaging in daily reading opportunities. Strong reading skills help students in every academic area and open them up to a lifetime love of learning. Nothing can take the place of reading when it comes to building vocabulary, language, comprehension, and writing skills. All children enjoy cuddling up to read a good book, especially when they've found a book they love!

Parents, please make sure to monitor time and activities on digital devices this summer to be sure programs are appropriate and your child is safe. Research states that a child who is read to or reads 20 minutes a day is more successful in academics. Children who create things develop stronger problem-solving skills. Reading and creating – what a wonderful combination for summer fun!

We suggest giving your child as many reading opportunities as possible – to be read to, to read aloud, to read to themselves, and to read for an audience such as siblings, family, or grandparents. Help your child find things to read that interest them. As you travel and vacation, read signs, trucks, and billboards.

Thank you for helping nurture a love for reading throughout the summer, beyond just completing required assignments. Let's all work together as we watch their love for reading grow!

Happy reading! We can't wait to see you back on campus very soon!

Mrs. Shannon Bryant

Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading List

Fourth grade students will read **three** books during the summer. Each student will need to fill out a **Summer Reading Form** that lists the books read. This form should be returned to the teacher in August when school begins.

Book #1 - All fourth grade students should choose **one** book from the following list and complete the attached **Written Book Report** form to return when school begins:

Choices for Book #1:

<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo	<i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by Katherine Applegate
<i>Lunch Money</i> by Andrew Clements	<i>The Magician's Nephew</i> by C. S. Lewis	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> by Roald Dahl
<i>A Nest for Celeste</i> by Henry Cole	<i>Brambleheart</i> by Henry Cole	

Book #2 - Each student should select a chapter book (upper elementary) and be prepared to bring in an object that is represented in the book. Students will present the object in class when we return in August and explain how this object is important in the book. For example, if a child read Charlotte's Web, the student might bring in a newspaper clipping and explain how this is important to the story as he or she briefly summarizes the book.

Book #3 - Choose an Accelerated Reader chapter book designed for upper elementary. When selecting a book, you can make sure it is an AR quiz book at the AR BookFinder link http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp?c=1 (Resources -> AR Bookfinder). The AR **test link** can be found at <https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/55535>. To log in, students should use their 3rd grade login information. If you are new to FPD, please email lyn.brumbelow@fpdmacon.org for log-in assistance. Students who are not able to take their AR quiz online during the summer will be allowed to take the AR quiz in the classroom when school begins in August.

IMPORTANT: The list of books below should NOT be read during the summer because they will be read as part of fourth grade novel studies during the year:

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	
Abel's Island	Little House on the Prairie	Who Was Helen Keller?
Who Was Neil Armstrong?	Paddle-by-the-Sea	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

***Find the Rising 4th grade Summer Reading Form and the Summer Written Book Report Form on the next pages.**

Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading Form



Student's name: _____

Grade: _____

I READ 3 DIFFERENT CHAPTER BOOKS. THEY ARE:

Book #1: _____

Book#2: _____

Book#3: _____

*Student signature: _____

*Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

*Please return this to your teacher when you come to school in August.

My Fabulous 4th Grade Report

My name is: _____

The title of my book is: _____

The author's name is _____

Characters and setting

Use your best cursive handwriting to write 1-2 sentences that tell who this book is about and where the story takes place. Draw and color a picture of the characters.

Problem, events, solution

Use your best cursive handwriting to write 3-5 sentences about the problem and events in this book. Remember to include how the story ends. Capital letters and punctuation should be used correctly. Draw and color a picture to go with your writing..

Ideas for appropriate rising 4th grade level authors, titles, and series

Authors

Any books by Matt Christopher	Any books by Andrew Clements	Any books by Beverly Cleary
Any books by Henry Cole	Any books by Roald Dahl	Any books by Dan Gutman
Any books by Lois Lowry	Any books by Gary Paulsen	

Titles

Tiger Rising by DiCamillo	Tuck Everlasting by Babbitt	Souder by Armstrong
The Trumpet of the Swan by White	Peter Pan by Barrie	Heidi by Spyri
Alice in Wonderland by Carroll	The Courage of Sarah Noble by Dalglish	The Story of Dr. Doolittle by Lofting
The Toothpaste Millionaire by Merrill	The Cricket in Times Square by Selden	Robinson Crusoe (adapted for children) by various authors
Rip Van Winkle: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Irving	Pollyanna by Porter	Treasure Island by Stevenson
Pinocchio by Collodi	The Incredible Journey by Burnford	The Tale of Despereaux by DiCamillo
Old Yeller by Gipson	Little Women by Alcott	Across Five Aprils by Hunt
Where the Red Fern Grows by Rawls		

Series

Who was... biography series (except Neil Armstrong and Helen Keller) by various authors	I Survived... series by Tarshis
Mandie series by Leppard	Magic School Bus chapter books by various authors
Cul-de-Sac Mysteries series by Thompson	Christian Heritage series by Rue
Great Illustrated Classics by various authors	My Life As... series by Myers
The Soup series by Peck	If You Lived... series by various authors
Grandma's Attic series by Richardson	High Hurdles series by Snelling
Trailblazer series by Jackson	Nancy Drew mysteries by Keene
Hardy Boys mysteries by Dixon	Wayside School series by Sachar
Encyclopedia Brown mysteries by Sobol	American Girl series by various authors