

Required Summer Reading List Rising 4th Graders at STPCS

Welcome to Fourth Grade. In order to maintain your reading skills and prepare for fourth grade, you are required to read three of the following books over the summer. Please choose 2 fiction books, each being chosen from a different category, and choose 1 nonfiction book. After reading, complete the assigned reflection assignment for each category chosen and bring them on the first day of school in the fall.

We would also like to get to know our new students over the summer. Please choose one of the books you have read and write us a letter that includes the following:

1. A brief summary of the book.
2. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
3. Who was your favorite character? Why?
4. Most importantly, tell me how you've been enjoying your summer!

If you write to us at school, or via email by August 1, one of us will definitely write you back. Enjoy a great book this summer!

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Fiction

Choose 2 from different categories and complete a story map for one and create a bio-poem on the main character of the other.

Historical Fiction

A Lion to Guard Us

The Courage of Sarah Noble

Calico Bush

Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock?

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution

The Cabin Faced West

Little House on the Prairie (series)

Misty of Chincoteague

George Washington's Socks

Dear America Series

Clyde Robert Bulla

Carol Brink

Rachel Field

Jean Fritz

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Laura Ingalls Wilder

Marguerite Henry

Elvira Woodruff

various

Realistic Fiction

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Fudge, Double Fudge, Super Fudge
How to Eat Fried Worms
Lunch Money
The River
Maniac McGee
Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon
Fourth Grade Rats
The Real Slam Dunk
Matt Christopher Sport Series

Judy Blume
Judy Blume
Thomas Rockwell
Andrew Clements
Gary Paulsen
Jerry Spinelli
Bette Greene
Jerry Spinelli
Charisse K. Richardson
Matt Christopher

Fantasy

Series of Unfortunate Events (series)
Abel's Island
The Search for Delicious
The Indian in the Cupboard (series)
Secret of the Indian
Return of the Indian
Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Chronicles of Narnia (series)
The Tale of Despereaux
Stuart Little
Harry Potter (series)
Charlie Bone (series)

Lemony Snicket
William Steig
Natalie Babbit
Lynne Reid Banks

Louis Sachar
C.S. Lewis
Kate DiCamillo
E.B. White
J.K. Rowling
Jenny Nimmo

Nonfiction

Choose one to read and write an informational paragraph on the book's topic.

The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip
The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body
The Magic School Bus Kicks Up a Storm
The Magic School Bus Blows its Top

Nonfiction continued...

A **nonfiction book** on any of the following topics:

hurricanes and tornadoes
planets of our solar system
volcanoes
biomes
electricity
Native Americans of VA
Regions of the USA
VA History-Jamestown or Colonial Williamsburg

Biography or **Autobiography** of any of the following famous figures:

James Madison
Capt. John Smith
Chief Powhatan
Isaac Newton
Maya Angelou
Mother Theresa

George Mason
Sir Walter Raleigh
Sojourner Truth
Thomas Edison
Douglas Wilder
any Saint

Patrick Henry
John Rolfe
Albert Einstein
Leonardo DaVinci
Katherine Drexell
Pope John Paul II