

## Required Summer Reading List Rising 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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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  
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

Joanna Cole

**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