

June 1, 2020

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level. Reading as few as six appropriately grade-leveled books will fend off summer reading loss and maintain the reading gains made during the previous school year. Not to mention the gain in adventure, new discoveries, and fun that a stack of kid-picked summer books can provide. And when a child reads even more books – eight or 10 or 20 – he or she may even gain ground and return to school in August a more confident reader.

Have your child choose **one** book from the list of recommended readings and write a simple, neat, well-written (or typed) book report using the attached book report format. This will be handed in to the teacher on the **first day** of school.

Along with the requirement to read one book from this list, all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will read ***Riding Freedom* by Pam Munoz Ryan**. They will **not** write a book report. Instead, *Riding Freedom* will be discussed, and activities completed during the first week of school, so it is recommended that this book be read last.

If you have any questions, call Brookfield School or send us an email.

Thanks!

Ms. Renaud and Ms. Janota

Summer Reading List  
Fourth Grade  
(Updated 5-20-20)

#### Newbery Medal and Honors

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>  
(at grade level or above – student choice)

#### Historical Fiction

Peck, Richard	<u><a href="#">On the Wings of Heroes</a></u>
Linda Sue Park	<u><a href="#">A Long Walk to Water</a></u>
Draper, Sharon	<u><a href="#">Stella by Starlight</a></u>

#### Mystery

Balliet, Blue	<u><a href="#">Chasing Vermeer, The Wright 3, The Calder Game</a></u>
Grabenstein, Chris	<u><a href="#">Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</a></u>
Multiple Authors	<u><a href="#">39 Clues Series</a></u>

#### Fiction

DeCamillo, Kate	<u><a href="#">The Magician's Elephant</a></u>
Selznick, Brian	<u><a href="#">Wonderstruck</a></u>
Applegate, Katherine	<u><a href="#">Crenshaw</a></u>

#### Social-Emotional Learning: Bullying

Palacio, R.J	<u><a href="#">Wonder Series</a></u>
Weeks, Sarah	<u><a href="#">Save Me a Seat</a></u>
Korman, Gordon	<u><a href="#">Restart</a></u>