

Unity School Summer Reading Program 2025 - Students entering grade 4

Dear Parents: The following book titles are suggested for summer reading. **Trouble According to Humphrey, by Betty Birney is required and must be read before school begins.** Attached is a choice board inspired by this book that must be completed and turned in on the first day of school. Children are encouraged to read as many other books on the list that are at an appropriate reading and interest level for entering fourth grade. Enjoy reading and have a wonderful summer!

Click the titles to see a summary.

<p><u>Fantasy & Adventure</u></p> <p>Captain Superlative - J. S. Puller Jack & The Geniuses - Bill Nye, Gregory Mone The Unicorn Rescue Society - Adam Gidwitz The Adventurer's Guide to Dragons - Wade A. White Bob - Wendy Mass, Rebecca Stead Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire - John August Wishtree - Katherine Applegate Nevermoor - Jessica Townsend The Key To Extraordinary - Natalie Lloyd Peter and the Starcatchers - R. Pearson, D. Barry 11 Birthdays - Wendy Mass Trapped in a Video Game - Dustin Brady One and Only Ivan - Katherine Applegate Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo When You Trap a Tiger - Tae Keller</p>	<p><u>Myths & Fairy Tales & Super Heroes</u></p> <p>Aru Shah & the End of Time - Roshani Chokshi The Flash: Hocus Pocus - Barry Lyga Supergirl: Age of Atlantis - Jo Whitemore The Serpent's Secret - Sayantani DasGupta The Sisters Grimm - Michael Buckley Bayou Magic - Jewell Parker Rhodes Kid Beowulf (GN) - Alexis E. Fajardo Half Upon A Time - James Riley Grump - Liesl Shurtliff Secrets of Valhalla - Jasmine Richards The Land of Stories - Chris Colfer Valkyrie - Kate O'Hearn Spiderwick Chronicles - Tony Diterlizzi/Holly Black</p>	<p><u>Mystery & Spy Stories</u></p> <p>Book Scavenger #3 - Jennifer Chambliss Bertman Samantha Spinner & The Super-Secret Plans - R. Ginns Dr. Critchlore's School for Minions - Sheila Grau The Great Shelby Holmes - Elizabeth Eulberg The Magic Misfits - Neil Patrick Harris The Candymakers - Wendy Mass Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library - C. Grabenstein Loot - Jude Watson The Metropolitans - Carol Goodman Spy School: Secret Service - Stuart Gibbs The Secret Series - Pseudonymous Bosch Lock & Key - Ridley Pearson</p>
<p><u>Realistic Fiction</u></p> <p>The Friendship Code #1 - Stacia Deutsch Amina's Voice - Hena Khan Hello Universe - Erin Entrada Kelly Lights, Music, Code! #3 - Jo Whitemore Wish - Barbara O'Connor Love, Penelope - Joanne Rocklin Beyond the Bright Sea - Lauren Wolk The Heart & Mind of Frances Pauley - A. Stephens Smart Cookie - Elly Swartz Fish in a Tree - Lynda Mullaly Hunt Out of My Mind - Sharon Draper Words with Wings - Nikki Grimes Turtle in Paradise - Jennifer Holm Front Desk Series - Kelly Yang</p>	<p><u>Funny</u></p> <p>The Jolly Regina - Kara LaReau Camp Rolling Hills - Stacy Davidowitz Frank Einstein & the Antimatter Motor - Jon Scieszka The Terrible Two - Mac Barnett Tapper Twins Go To War - Geoff Rodkey Team BFF - Stacia Deutsch The Worst Class Trip Ever - Dave Barry Ungifted - Gordon Korman The Popularity Papers - Amy Ignatow The Getaway - Jeff Kinney Shredderman - Wendelin Van Draanen No Talking - Andrew Clements 13-Story Treehouse (series) - Andy Griffiths Home Sweet Motel - Chris Grabenstein</p>	<p><u>Nonfiction & Reference</u></p> <p>The Slowest Book Ever - April Pulley Sayre Spy on History - Enigma Alberti Kid Athletes - David Stabler Guts & Glory: The American Revolution - B. Thompson Almost Astronauts - Tanya Lee Stone Junior Genius Guides - Ken Jennings Rad American Women A-Z - Kate Schatz What Were the Twin Towers - Jim O'Connor The Story of Buildings - Patrick Dillon Crack the Code - Sarah Hutt Shel Silverstein Poetry Books - Shel Silverstein Seymour Simon Books The Day-Glo Brothers - Chris Barton When Stars Are Scattered - Victoria Jamieson</p>
<p><u>Sports Stories</u></p> <p>Eliza Bing is Not a Big, Fat Quitter - C. Van Vleet Guys Read: The Sports Pages - Various Snowboard Hero - Jake Maddox Super Hockey Infographics - Jeff Savage The Boy Who Only Hit Homers - Matt Christopher The Kicks - Alex Morgan Who is LeBron James? - Crystal Hubbard Boundless - Chaunte Lowe The Hero Two Doors Down - Sharon Robinson</p>	<p><u>Historical Fiction</u></p> <p>The Night Diary - Veera Hiranandani Escape from Aleppo - N. H. Senzai The War I Finally Won - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Ninth Ward - Jewell Parker Rhodes Elijah of Buxton - Christopher Paul Curtis Gone Crazy in Alabama - Rita Williams-Garcia The Detective's Assistant - Kate Hannigan Al Capone Does My Shirts - Gennifer Choldenko Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales - Nathan Hale I Survived Series - Lauren Tarshis Girls Survive Series - Mayumi Shimose Poe</p>	<p><u>Graphic Novels</u></p> <p>El Deafo - Cece Bell Big Nate: Silent but Deadly - Lincoln Peirce My Life in Smiley - Anne Kalicky Stinky Cecil in Mudslide Mayhem - Paige Braddock Amulet - Kazu Kibuishi Secret Coders - Gene Luen Yang One Trick Pony - Nathan Hale Diary of an 8-Bit Warrior - Cube Kid Real Friends - Shannon Hale Red's Planet - Eddie Pitman Hilo - Judd Winick Tom Gates - L. Pichon Roller Girl - Victoria Jameson</p>



SUMMER READING CHOICE BOARD



<p>#1</p> <p>Write a letter to your new teacher telling her why you liked or disliked the book. Remember to use the author's name and title of the book.</p> <p>Use evidence from the text to support your feelings towards the book.</p>	<p>#2</p> <p>Make a comic strip that tells about your favorite parts of the book. Your comic strip should have a minimum of six scenes.</p>
<p>#3</p> <p>Write a continuation of the story. What happens in the next "new chapter"? This should be at least one page in length.</p>	<p>#4</p> <p>Choose the main setting of your book and draw a map of it, labeling important places and events.</p> <p>You should look in the book for specific descriptions so you can include as much detail as possible.</p> <p>Be creative, and your map should reflect the mood of the book. You can do this through drawings, color, writing style, and title.</p>

Instructions:

1) **Choose ONE of the following FOUR activities to complete.**

★ *All assignments MUST be handwritten or hand drawn.*

2) Complete the activity on a separate piece of paper. On your paper:

- Include the activity number (example: #3 or #4)
- Be sure to pay attention to all the details and questions asked and respond accordingly!
- Attach it to this choice board

3) Be sure to use proper punctuation and complete sentences in your responses.