



SUMMER READING 2026 INCOMING 4TH GRADE



Incoming 4th graders will choose one book from the list below. You must use the attached choice board to complete 1 project on the book you read. There is an additional reading list provided; students are encouraged to read more books from this list.

- 1. The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo (*supports 4th grade CKLA- Middle Ages*)
- 2. Frindle** by Andrew Clements (*supports 4th grade CKLA- Eureka!*)
- 3. I Survived The Destruction Of Pompeii, 79AD** by Lauren Tarshis (*supports 4th grade CKLA- Geology*)
- 4. The Castle in the Attic** by Elizabeth Winthrop (*supports 4th grade CKLA- Middle Ages*)



SUMMER READING CHOICE BOARD



<p style="text-align: center;">#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 style="text-align: center;">Use evidence from the text to support your feelings towards the book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">#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 style="text-align: center;">#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 style="text-align: center;">#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:

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

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

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Children are also encouraged to read as many other books on this 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> 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> 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> 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> 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> 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> 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> 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> 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> 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>