

2008: "Catch the Reading Bug"



East Rochester School District

Grade 4

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Below is a list of books suggested for children entering the fourth grade. The books reflect the variety of interests of children of this age—history, humor, mystery, science, and adventure.

Adler, David A. *Cam Jansen: The Summer Camp Mysteries*

In this book containing three mysteries, Cam Jansen and her best friend are spending three weeks at Camp Eagle Lake; and of course, there are mysteries to solve.

Appelt, Kathi. *Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers: How a First Lady Changed America*

This biography shows how Lady Bird Johnson (as wife of President Lyndon Johnson) reminded citizens about the importance of conserving natural resources and promoted the beautification of cities and highways by planting wildflowers.

Auch, Mary Jane. *I Was a Third Grade Science Project*

While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he is a cat.

Boursin, Didier. *Easy Origami*

This craft book presents instructions for more than 25 origami creations, ranging from very easy to more challenging.

Bruchac, Joseph. *Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back*

With beautiful illustrations by Thomas Locker, this book celebrates the seasons of the year through poems from the legends of such Native American tribes as the Cherokee, Cree, and Sioux.

Cheney, Lynne. *A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women*

Each letter of the alphabet is represented by an important woman in the history of the United States, as well as others in her same field of accomplishment.

Christian, Mary Blount. *Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Baffling Big Foot*

Sebastian the dog and his detective master search for Bigfoot and other suspects when a guest is attacked by something "big and hairy" at the Sasquatch Inn.

Christopher, Matt. *Centerfield Ballhawk*

Baseball player Jose Mendez worries about his poor performance with the bat and fears disappointing his father, a former baseball player with an outstanding average.

Duffey, Betsy. *A Boy in the Doghouse*

George is faced with the task of training his new puppy, Lucky.

Henry, Sandi. *Kids' Art Works!*

This book contains more than sixty hands-on projects for original art work using a variety of media and techniques.

Kennedy, Caroline. *A Family of Poems*

This anthology contains more than 100 poems beautifully illustrated in watercolor by artist, Jon J. Muth, representing places all over the world.

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. *The Canada Geese Quilt*

Worried that the coming of a new baby and her grandmother's serious illness will change the warm familiar life on her family's Vermont farm, ten-year-old Ariel combines her artistic talent with her grandmother's knowledge to make a very special quilt.

Michelson, Richard. *Tuttle's Red Barn: the Story of America's Oldest Family Farm*

This picture book tells the true story of twelve generations in New Hampshire whose lives mirror our country's history.

Mills, Claudia. *Being Teddy Roosevelt*

When he is assigned Teddy Roosevelt as his biography project in school, fourth grader Riley finds himself inspired by Roosevelt's tenacity and perseverance; and resolves to find a way to get what he most wants—a saxophone and music lessons.

Nagda, Ann Whitehead. *Dear Whiskers*

Fourth grader Jenny is discouraged when her second grade pen pal turns out to be a new student from Saudi Arabia who does not speak English very well. But as she works with her, they slowly become friends.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *Ugly*

In Tasmania, Ugly the bird searches to learn about himself, using his curiosity and some advice through the friendship of other animals.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Anyone Can Eat Squid*

Sarah longs to find a way to be someone special, and when her friend's Chinese restaurant needs customers, she finds a special way to save it.

Pennypacher, Sara. *Clementine*

In this humorous realistic fiction book we meet Clementine, a quirky third-grader who has lots of problems paying attention and consequently gets into trouble often.

Pringle, Laurence. *One Room School*

This picture book provides a look back at events and the changing of the seasons at a one room school in Honeoye Falls, New York, during the last year of World War II.

Wilkes, Angela. *My First Green Book*

This book features environmental activities and projects in such areas as water pollution, recycling, acid rain, and wildlife gardens.

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