

Mendon-Upton Regional School District

Summer Reading 2019

Students
Entering
Grade 4

Creating a school-wide culture of reading has always been a priority for the teachers, librarians, and staff members in the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. In each school, that reading culture is built and nurtured in numerous ways: through the study of literary elements, read-alouds, book talks, literature circles, and author visits.

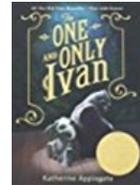
Summer is a perfect time to find books to read for pleasure. This list is a starting point to help students select books that match their interests and includes a variety of titles across many genres, levels, and lengths. Our goal is to develop readers who not only can read, but who choose to read for enjoyment.

Summer reading is also a great opportunity to enhance reading skills and maintain fluency. According to a recent report from Johns Hopkins University's Center for Summer Learning, children who do not read over the summer actually lose ground in reading proficiency. The report concludes that the effect of reading 4-5 books during the summer is large enough to prevent a decline in reading scores from spring to fall.

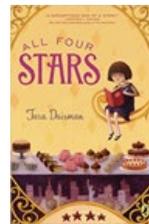
Required Book (Choose One)



The Lemonade War
by Jackie Davies
(630L)



The One and Only Ivan
by Katherine Applegate
(570L)



All Four Stars
By Tara Dairman
(950L)



Frindle
by Andrew Clements
(830L)

Summer Reading Expectations: Grade 4

Dear students,

Your fourth grade teachers would like you to have an AWESOME summer filled with fun, laughter, adventures, exercise, and reading. Yes, reading needs to be part of your summer! By reading during the summer you will maintain reading and comprehension skills, continue to build vocabulary, and expose yourself to different reading genres and author styles.

Grade 4 students are required to read two books before the first day of school. You will need to have completely read each book to successfully complete a grade level writing activity during the first two weeks of school.

1. One Required—Choose one from the required list above: The Lemonade War, All Four Stars, The One and Only Ivan, or Frindle
2. One Choice-- Please review the highly recommended list of books for suggested books.

To keep track of your overall reading progress, post the reading log chart on the refrigerator. List the titles and authors of the books you have read or that someone has read to you. Star (*) the ones you would recommend to a friend and bring this list to your teacher during the first week of September. We are eager to hear about your favorite summer reading! The following pages offer suggested readings and authors. They are only suggestions and students are not expected to read every book on the list. Exploring other titles and topics is also encouraged.

Favorite Authors

Alma Flor Ada
 David Adler
 Judy Blume
 Paula Bourgeois
 Jan Brett
 Jeff Brown
 Beverly Cleary
 Andrew Clements
 Sharon Creech
 Tomie dePaola
 Kate DiCamillo
 Dan Gutman
 Mem Fox
 Steve Jenkins
 Steven Kellogg
 Dick King-Smith
 Jeff Kinney
 Susan Kline
 Arnold Lobel
 Megan McDonald
 Mar Pope
 Osborne
 Patricia Polacco
 Peggy Parish
 Barbara Parks
 Dav Pilkey
 Rick Riordan

Favorite Series

A to Z Mysteries
 Amber Brown
 A Series of Unfortunate Events
 Baseball Card Adventures
 Big Nate
 Cam Jansen
 Clementine
 Encyclopedia Brown
 Flat Stanley
 Horrible Harry
 Judy Moody
 Just Grace
 Moxy Maxwell
 Mr. Putter and Tabby
 Nate the Great
 The Penderwicks
 Spiderwick Chronicles
 Wayside School
 39 Clues

Highly Recommended by Staff

The following books provide background information that will connect to content in the 4th grade or are staff favorites.



Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things
 by Lenore Look
 (630L)



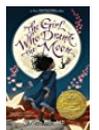
The Jacket
 By Andrew Clements
 (640L)



Flora and Ulysses
 By Kate DiCamillo
 (520L)



Hero
 By Mike Lupica
 (730L)



The Girl Who Drank the Moon By Kelly Barnhill
 (640L)



Ada Twist, Scientist
 By Andrea Beaty
 (550L)



Stone Fox
 By John Reynolds Gardiner, Harper Trophy
 (550L)



Lily and Miss Liberty
 By Carla Stephens
 (550L)



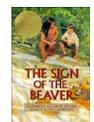
Attaboy, Sam
 By Lois Lowery
 (740L)



Little House in the Big Woods
 By Laura Ingalls Wilder
 (930L)



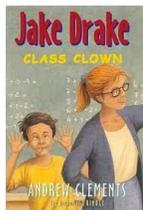
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
 By Bette Bao Lord
 (730L)



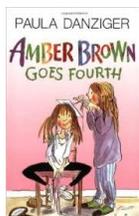
Sign of the Beaver
 By Elizabeth George Speare
 (770L)

Books about 4th Grade

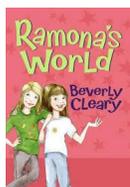
Jake Drake, Class Clown
By Andrew Clements



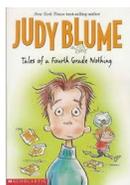
Amber Brown Goes Fourth
By Paula Danziger



Ramona's World
By Beverly Cleary



Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume



Building Background Knowledge

Grade 4 Science

- Change in landscape due to erosion, weathering, events
- Animal and plant structures that support survival and growth
- Energy transfer (sound, heat, light, electricity, waves)

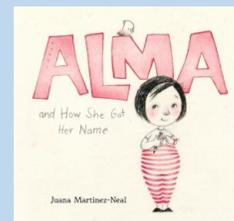
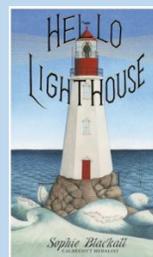
Grade 4 Social Studies

- North American Geography and Map Skills
- Ancient Civilizations of North America
- The Expansion of North America
- Regions of the United States:
 - The Northeast
 - The Southeast
 - The Southwest
 - The West
- Early European Exploration and Conquest



2019 Caldecott Winners

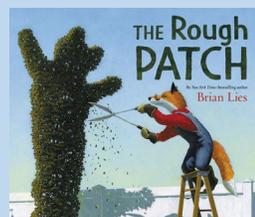
By Sophie Blackall



By Juana Martinez-Neal



By Grace Lin



By Brian Lies



By Oge Mora

Tips to encourage reading:

- Set aside a regular family reading and/or read aloud time.
- Read to your children, even the older ones.
- Recognize that your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients toward reading enjoyment.
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
- Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
- Participate in activities at the local library.

Spanish Immersion

Required Book

¿*Qué fue la isla Ellis?* by Patricia Brennan Demuth. Reading this story about Ellis Island is an exciting way to learn about American history.

Tip: Don't forget to have a Spanish language (Spanish words with Spanish definitions) dictionary handy! A good online one can be found at <http://lema.rae.es/drae/>

Recommended Choice Books

- *Un Gran Equipo* by Luigi Garlando. A group of unlikely soccer players form a team and are in for a season of mishaps, but also fun!
- *Ramona la Chinche* by Beverly Clearly. Ramona is excited to start kindergarten, but it might not be as much fun as she thought. How can she turn her first school year around?
- *El Superzorro*: Can this fox outsmart the farmers that are after him for stealing their livestock? Read to find out if "Superzorro" lives up to his name.
- ¿*Quien fue Pablo Picasso?* by True Kelley. This biography details Picasso's difficult life and how he turned his experiences into art.

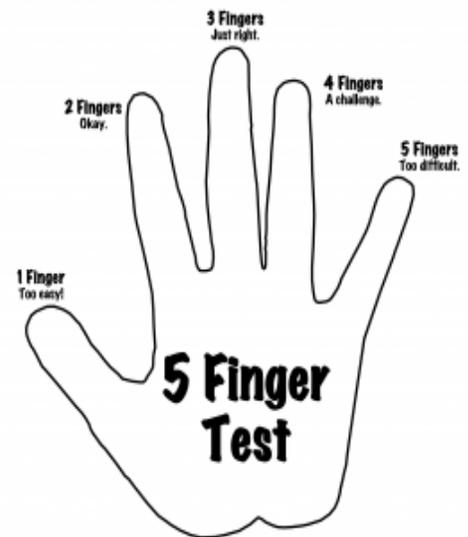
Finding a Book That's Right for You!

While reading this summer, don't forget to choose a book that's just right for you! Read the back of the book or inside the front cover to find out what the book is about. Turn to a page in the book and use the Five Finger Rule.

Five Finger Rule

Open the book to any page and start reading. Every time you read a word you don't know, hold up one finger. After reading a whole page, use the guidelines below to find out if the book is too easy, too hard or just right for you.

<u># of Fingers</u>	<u>The Book is:</u>
0-1	too easy
2-3	just right!
4-5	too hard



We encourage students to choose a book that interests them regardless of the level. If the book proves to be too difficult to be read independently, parents are encouraged to read with their child.

Lexile Scores

Students should also begin to be aware of their reading level, Lexile scores of books and grade level range. These are usually listed on the back of books or can be looked up online.

Raz Kids: Students should be able to continue reading in RazKids in the same account throughout the summer – www.raz-kids.com.

