

Dear incoming 4th Graders and parents thereof,

For the 2011 summer, each student should continue to read books in their reading level at least 20 minutes daily. I hope that you all will read even more than 20 minutes a day. Since it is summer time-you'll have time to explore. My preference for your selections would be to expand from your comfort zone and try to read **one book from at least 3 different genres** (Genres are styles of writing, for example, non-fiction genres include biographies, text books and expository text, fiction genres include realistic fiction, historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, poetry and much, much more. My personal favorite is biographies!) If you love to read the Magic Tree House books, try a non-fiction book instead, or if you always choose books about sports or science, at least once, try to find a fictional chapter book. Find an author you enjoy and read some of their other works. Challenge yourself to read some books that are in your reading level or above it. Most importantly read from at least 3 different genres.

Becoming a great reader is very important in 4th grade. Fourth grade is a transitional year academically. From 1st grade through 3rd grade, you have been **learning to read**, and read well. However, beginning in 4th grade, you will be **reading to learn**. The best way to become a better reader is to read and read a lot. Keep magazines and comic books in the car and a book on the nightstand. Never an excuse to be bored!

I have attached a summer reading list by genre. This is **not** an assigned list of books to read-just some suggestions or examples of books by genre. You do not have to read any books from this list. What you will need to do is find at least three books to read –each from a different genre. You will need to write down the title and author of the **3 books** read over the summer and **bring it with you on the first day of school**. You will have an assignment assigned to you when you return from summer break.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Sarabia

Here are some suggestions.....

Realistic Fiction

On My Honor

Historical Fiction

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Number the Stars

Sign of the Beaver

General Fiction

Hatchet

Maniac Magee

Fantasy

Percy Jackson series

Harry Potter series

Mystery

The Westing Game

Sports

The Million Dollar Shot

Science Fiction

The Giver

Poetry

Love That Dog

Animals

A Dog's Life

Biography/Autobiography

Diary of Anne Frank

Non-fiction informational books

on any subject

*** Also the Newbury Award lists**

the top book choices of each year