

Dear 4th Graders and Families,

I'd like every incoming 4th grade student to read at least three chapter books this summer. I have included a list of suggestions. Each student should choose two books from the list below. For the third book, I strongly encourage you to choose one of the books from the second section of the list, which is connected to different Project Time topics we will be covering this year. You will be much more prepared for our science and social studies learning if you read a little about one (or more) of the topics beforehand! There are many different types of books in this list, many of which were recommended by other students, so I believe everyone will be able to find something they enjoy.

Happy reading – I look forward to hearing all about your book choices in the fall!

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Title	Author
<i>The Book of Three</i> (series)	Lloyd Alexander
<i>The Illyrian Adventure</i> (series)	Lloyd Alexander
<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>	Richard and Florence Atwater
<i>In The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>	Bette Bao Lord
<i>The Penderwicks</i>	Jeanne Birdsall
<i>The World According to Humphrey</i> (series)	Betty G. Birney
<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>	Judy Blume
<i>Ella Enchanted</i>	Gail Carson
<i>Frindle</i>	Andrew Clements
<i>Artemis Fowl</i> (series)	Eoin Colfer
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George
<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Charlie & The Chocolate Factory</i>	Roald Dahl
<i>Matilda</i>	Roald Dahl

<i>The BFG</i>	Roald Dahl
<i>Half Magic</i>	Edward Eager
<i>Coraline</i>	Neil Gaiman
<i>Hercules Amsterdam</i>	Melissa Glenn Haber
<i>Bunnicula</i>	Deborah Howe
<i>Warriors</i> (series)	Erin Hunter
<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	Norton Juster
<i>Babe the Gallant Pig</i>	Dick King-Smith
<i>Harry's Mad</i>	Dick King-Smith
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> (series)	Jeff Kinney
<i>Guardians of Ga'hoole</i> (series)	Kathryn Lasky
<i>A Wrinkle In Time</i>	Madeleine L'Engle
<i>The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe</i>	C. S. Lewis
<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>	Astrid Lindgren
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i>	Robert O'Brien
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>The Lightning Thief</i> (series)	Rick Riordan
<i>The 39 Clues</i> (series)	Rick Riordan
<i>Harry Potter</i> (series)	J.K. Rowling
<i>Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective</i> (series)	Donald J. Sobol
<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	Trenton Lee Stewart

<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Mildred D. Taylor
<i>The Cay</i>	Theodore Taylor
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	E.B. White
<i>Stuart Little</i>	E.B. White

Project Time-Related Books

Title	Author
<i>The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner, California, 1852 (My Name Is America series)</i>	Lawrence Yep
<i>The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds: The Donner Party Expedition, 1846 (My Name Is America series)</i>	Rodman Philbrick
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> (series)	Laura Ingalls Wilder
<i>Seeds of Hope (Dear America series)</i>	Kristiana Gregory
<i>Riding Freedom</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Earthquake in the Early Morning (Magic Tree House series)</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>How to Get Rich in the California Gold Rush</i>	Tod Olson
<i>Hurry Freedom: African Americans in Gold Rush California</i>	Jerry Stanley
<i>Coolies</i>	Yin
<i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>	Jules Verne
<i>Ocean Girl</i>	Peter Hepworth

<i>Nim's Island</i>	Wendy Orr
<i>Dark Day in the Deep Sea (Magic Tree House series)</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>High Tide in Hawaii (Magic Tree House series)</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>Dolphins at Daybreak (Magic Tree House series)</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>Night of the Moon Jellies</i>	Mark Shasha
<i>Chelonia: Return of the Sea Turtle</i>	Dawn Navarro, Robert Snodgrass, Wallace J. Nichols
<i>Jacques Cousteau: A Life Under the Sea</i>	Kathleen Olmstead
<i>Monsters of the Deep</i>	Kelly Regan Barnhill