

FOURTH GRADE SUMMER WORK

READING

Summer Reading Guidelines:

One of the best ways for students to return to school ready for success in the fourth grade is to **keep reading over the summer**. Children who read throughout these months maintain or increase their reading level, but those who do not can actually lose some of the progress they have made during the school year. Our students are encouraged to read at their "just-right" level. We encourage them to use the "five finger rule" where they try to read the first page. If they encounter more than five words with which they are unfamiliar, the book is beyond their independent level and they should try a different one. Those books might be great for an adult to read to them.

Summer Reading Assignment:

Read three books from the recommended reading list and create a "one-pager" for just one of the books.

Remember to include the required information listed in this document. This should be fun, creative, and allow people to understand what the story is about!

****All students should read 30 minutes a day. Please question your child about what he or she is reading, and read with them whenever possible.***

Recommendations for Summer Reading:

Who Was...? Biography series, by various authors
Mr. Popper's Penguins, by Richard Atwater
James and the Giant Peach, by Roald Dahl
Because of Winn-Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo
The Chocolate Touch, by Patrick Skene Catling
Stuart Little, by E.B. White
Black Stallion, by Walter Farley
Boxcar Children series (any book)
The Indian in the Cupboard, by Lynne Reid Banks
Sideways Stories from Wayside School, by Louis Sachar
The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Little House on the Prairie series (any book), by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery by Deborah and James Howe
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
The Great Brain series by John Fitzgerald
Poppy series by Avi

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TIPS FOR SHARED/PAIRED READING:

- Have your child read the first few pages by him or herself. If the book is too difficult to read independently, the student can read with an adult or older family member.
- Sit side by side and take turns reading paragraphs (or pages) aloud.
- Read aloud together a few sentences or a paragraph.
- As the adult reads aloud, gently tap the child's arm to join in and read a phrase or sentence.
- Stop after several pages and discuss what was read, have student visualize what was read, re-tell portion of the story, and/or make predictions what will occur.
- Ask student if he/she has made any connections to the text by relating the story to oneself, another book, or to a life situation.

One Pager

A "one-pager" promotes thoughtful appreciation and understanding of a novel. The more creative you allow yourself to be, the more you will get out of the reading assignment! One-pagers also provide a terrific review that can inspire others to read your book.

Use white, unlined computer paper. **Include the following:**

On the front...

- Title of novel and author's name
- A list of characters from the book
- A description of when and where the story took place (setting)
- 5 adjectives you would use to describe the book
- One important quotation (a sentence or two from the book)
- Write the quotation in quotation marks.
- Include the page number.
- Next to the quotation, explain why this is significant (ex. "This quotation expresses how the character felt at that time....")
- At least 3 drawings and/or images that represent aspects of the story
- Use color, be creative, be neat, and fill the page.

On the back....

- A one paragraph summary of the book that includes details about the plot, setting, characters, problem, and the ending.
- Your name

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MY NAME IS TRUTH
by Ann Turner

Theme
Telling the truth will lead you a long way

I believe
I believe as a child Seymour Turner had a conscience, but through a through her words as an adult.

Quotes
I fight as tall as a tree inside, courage racing around inside my heart. I chose this quote because it shows how badly she wanted to escape slavery. Mama told me to look up at the stars at night each star for the 12 stars that represent each of my brothers and sisters. "I chose this quote because it shows how even though their babies were really there, with her they will always be being being partner. Told the stories of her childhood that changed many lives. Reprerented African America by having the white master to escape slavery. Under the night sky should 12 stars on the stars.




RUBY BRIDGES
by Robert Coles - illustrated by George Ford

Quote 1:
"Pray God, try to forgive those people or cause even if they say that bad things they don't know what they're doing. So you could forgive them. Just like you did those folks a long time ago when they said terrible things about you."

Quote 2:
"Every Sunday, the family went to church. We wanted our children to be near God's spirit."

I am brave, even though I may feel weak. I am fierce, even though I am often. I am caring, for my family and friends. I am strong even though I was the first black child to attend the William Franzi Elementary school. I am proud of myself!

I believe that everyone should be treated equally no matter what color, skin color or religion they were just like her journey.




POEM
Rosa Parks
Rosa Parks, Rosa Parks
You have passed so many
so many, so many,
with what you've done.

Theme
Overall the story has lead me to conclude that everyone is equal and should be equally treated.

Quotes
"She was a great with a quiet dignity despite all the cruelty she faced because of the color of her skin." "And may our dreams of freedom and equal rights for all come true." I chose these quotes because they show hope for blacks.

IF A BUS COULD TALK

Rosa Parks
Rosa Parks, Rosa Parks
Because of what you did
that you did for your
All are equal in America.




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Quotes
"I believe that even though they were an equal woman she was the woman who was the first to be treated as equal." "Mama will put her sweet arms around me and I will be my brothers and sisters like home at last." "I am the voice in a storm. I am the top of a mountain. I am the stars shining over my dignity."




AN APPLE FOR HARRIET TUBMAN
by Glenette Tilley Turner

Quotes
"She couldn't fight back or do anything about it then. But she made herself a promise." "I chose this quote because they show her determination and her following her path." "I am Harriet Tubman. I am strong although I am scared. I am persistent although there is little hope. I am always sending through pain. I am a leader even though it is dangerous. I am an advocate for freedom rights although I could be punished. I am always going to stand up for justice even though it may cost my life. I am Harriet Tubman." "I believe everyone should stand up for what is right just like Harriet Tubman did and no one should think that they are allowed to mistreat someone, physically or mentally, just because they are different."



HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX
by Nadie Nelson

I BELIEVE
"I believe that the color of your skin should not decide how you are treated." "Do you see these seeds blowing in the wind? They are torn from the tree like since children are torn from their families. It has had black people were treated. One morning they heard singing. A little bird flew out of the tree into the open sky. And Henry thought about being free. This symbolizes that he wants to be FREE."



4TH GRADE SUMMER WORK

Dear Incoming Fourth Graders,

For your summer writing work, I would like you to write me a friendly letter telling me about yourself. You can give this letter to me in August on the first day of school.

You can include anything you want to say to me in this letter. Here are some suggestions on what you can include in your friendly letter:

- What are your hobbies and interests?
- What would you like me to know about you?
- Who are the important people in your life?
- Do you have a hidden talent?
- How do you feel about school?
- What is your favorite memory?

Although highly encouraged, your summer writing assignment is an optional activity. I can't wait to learn more about you!