2019 Summer Reading Ideas for Students entering 4th Grade

Fiction Chapter Books: (*books in series)



Barnett, Mac The Terrible Two*

Two pranksters initially compete against each other and then join forces to pull off the biggest prank the town has ever seen.



Avi The Secret School

Set in the 1920's in rural Colorado, the students of a small school are left without a teacher. Fourteen-year-old Ida decides to take over as teacher!



Birdsall, Jeanne

The Penderwicks

This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. One thing's for sure: it will be a summer the Penderwicks will never forget.



Brown, Peter

The Wild Robot

When robot Roz discovers that she is alone on a remote wild island, she knows she needs to survive.



Burg, Anna E. Serefina's Promise

Told in verse, Serafina is a Haitian girl who dreams of becoming a doctor. She and her family face many hardships but persevere.



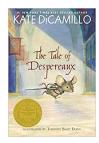
Curtis, Christopher Paul Mr. Chickee's Funny Money

Steven and his friend Russell and dog Zoopy investigate a suspicious quadrillion dollar bill given to him by Mr. chickee while evading agent Fondoo.

Dahl, Roald

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Five lucky children get a ticket to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, where marvels abound!



DiCamillo, Kate

The Tale of Despereax (Newbery Award)

This is the tale of a small mouse, the princess that he loves, the servent girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat.



Grabenstein, Chris

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

A few lucky kids get to spend the night in the new library, but soon realize that they need to solve puzzles and use their wits if they want to leave.



Gutman, Dan

The Homework Machine

Four 5th-grade students each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to do homework.



Henry, Marguerite Misty of Chincoteague * (Newbery Honor)

Two youngsters are determined to own a Chincoteague Island pony from the yearly round-up.



Holm, Jennifer Turtle in Paradise* (Newbery Honor)

In 1935, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

Ibbotson, Eva The Secret of Platform 13

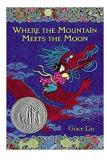
A young hag, a wizard, a fey, and an ogre go on a mission from their magical island to London to rescue their prince who had been stolen as a baby.



Levine, Gail Carson

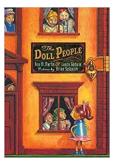
Ella Enchanted (Newbery Honor)

In this humorous story based on Cinderella, Ella tries to get rid of a curse that forces her to obey any order.



Lin, Grace Where the Mountain Meets the Moon * (Newbery Honor)

Minli sets out on a quest to bring fortune to her poor family. Along the way, Dragon joins her for her journey to the Old Man.



Martin, Ann M. The Doll People*

Annabelle Doll is determined to discover what happened to her aunt 45 years earlier. When new modern dolls arrive at the house, Annabelle now has a friend to help her.



McMann, Lisa The Unwanteds*

In the fantasy world of Quill, twins Aaron and Alex are separated. Alex is condemned to Death, but he's surprised to find that instead he is sent to a secret place where he can learn magic.



Mull, Brandon Fablehaven *

To prevent their extinction, mystical creatures are gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven. When Kendra and her brother, Seth, discover it, Seth recklessly unleashes evil powers. To save their family, Kendra and Seth must find the courage to do what they fear most.



Pennypacker, Sara Pax

War is coming, and Peter's dad makes him leave his pet fox Pax in the woods and then sends Peter hundreds of miles away. Peter knows he needs to find and save Pax.



Selznick, Brian The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Caldecott Medal)

Hugo, an orphan in Paris, lives secretly in a train station. A mystery surrounds a mechanical man, a strange drawing, and an elderly man,



Smith, Tamara Ellis Another Kind of Hurricane

A Vermont boy recovering from the death of his friend and a New Orleans boy recovering from Hurricane Katrina help each other heal.



Sutherland, Tui T. Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy*

A group of adult dragons steal five eggs and raise them in secret. The dragonets must choose between saving a friend and following their destiny.



Snicket, Lemony The Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate Events series)*

The orphaned Baudelaire children find themselves experiencing a wide variety of adventures as they try to escape from the clutches of Olaf.

Graphic Novels: (*books in series)



Baum, Frank L. and Eric Shanower The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
The graphic novel version of the classic story of Dorothy, the Tin Man,
Scarecrow, and the Wicked Witch of the West.



Bell, Cece El Deafo (Newbery Honor)

The author tells the story of ehr childhood, her hearing loss, and the challenges of her bulky hearing air and reading lips.



Harper, Charise Fable Comics

Fables from different cultures are wonderfully adapted and illustrated by 28 different cartoonists.



Kibuishi, Kazu Amulet: The Stonekeeper *

Emily and Navin's mother has been taken into a world of demons and magic and they must rescue her.



Santat, Dan Sidekicks

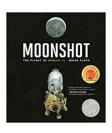
Captain Amazing decides he's too old to be a good superhero, so he tries to hire a new sidekick, but his pets have another plan.



Yang, Gene Luen and Matt Holmes Secret Coders*

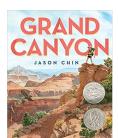
Using their wits and coding skills, Hopper and her friend Eni are going to solve the mystery of Stately Academy no matter what it takes!

NonFiction:



Floca, Brian Moonshot (Sibert Honor)

This book retraces Apollo 11's historic mission into space and provides illustrations that capture the moments



Chin, Jason Grand Canyon (2018 Caldecott Honor, Sibert Honor)

Home to an astonishing variety of plants and animals that have lived and evolved within its walls for millennia, the Grand Canyon is much more than just a hole in the ground.



McPherson, Stephanie Iceberg Right Ahead!: The Tragedy of the Titantic

The tragedy of the Titanic and the discovery of the wreck years later is laid out in this informative book.

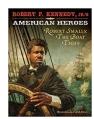


Ferris, Jeri Walking the Road to Freedom: The Story of Sojourner Truth
This biography of Sojourner Truth: her childhood as a slave, her quest for freedom, and her fight for equal rights for African- Americans and women.



Fleming, Candace Amelia, Lost

The thrilling story of America's most celebrated flyer, Amelia Earhart, told with incredible photos, maps and handwritten notes.



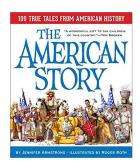
Kennedy, Robert F. Robert Smalls: The Boat Thief

The biography of Robert Smalls, a slave on a Confederate gunship who later became the Navy's first African- American captain as well as a U.S. Congressman and more.



Osborne, Mary Pope American Tall Tales

All the classic American tall tales, from Paul Bunyan to Pecos Bill and more, are included in this fun book.



Armstrong, Jennifer The American Story

These true stories cover people, places, and events in U.S. history, both familiar and lesser-known.

The above list is not required reading, merely suggestions. We encourage students to be actively engaged with books throughout the summer.

Happy Reading!