

Incoming 4th Grade Students Required Summer Reading Assignment

This summer you are required to read **two** books. You can use the book suggestions below, or you can read books of your choice. You need to fill out a Summer Reading Note Sheet for each of the two books and turn them in on the first day of fourth grade. You can find the Summer Reading Note Sheet in the “Important Forms” section under “Parent News” at the St. Paul’s website. Write in complete sentences and use your neatest handwriting when filling out these sheets. Most importantly, enjoy your reading!

Book Suggestions for Third Grade Rising Fourth Graders

FICTION- CHAPTER BOOKS

Barnett, Mac. *The Case of The Case of Mistaken Identity*

When twelve-year-old Steven Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brother’s detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information. (Series: “Brixton Brothers”)

Blume, Judy. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

Peter Hatcher has a terrible problem—his two year old little brother.

Blume, Judy. *Freckle Juice*

Andrew wants freckles more than anything else and uses a “freckle juice” recipe with hilarious results.

Butler, Dori Hillstead Butler. *The Case of the Lost Boy*

While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy, the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy. (Series: “Buddy Files”)

Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. (Series: “Ralph S. Mouse”)

Cleary, Beverly. *Muggie Maggie*

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.

Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War*

Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100. (Series: “Lemonade War”)

Erickson, John. *The Curse of the Priceless Corncob*

While trying to outwit his archenemy, Pete the barn cat, Hank the Cowdog is duped into believing a worthless corncob will bring him fame and fortune. (Series: “Hank the Cowdog”)

Erickson, John. *The Case of the Dinosaur Birds*

Unaware that his nemesis, Pete the barn cat, is playing yet another prank on him, Hank the Cowdog, head of ranch security, tries to save the world from “terradoxtail”, dinosaur birds armed with bacon-stealing laser tongues. (Series: Hank the Cowdog”)

McElligott, Mathew and Larry Tuxbury. *Benjamin Franklinstein Lives!*

Benjamin Franklin never dies – believe it or not! He was placed in suspended animation and was just found by Victor Godwin, science geek extreme. (Book #1, Series: “Benjamin Franklinstein”)

Osborne, Mary Pope. *High Tide in Hawaii*

Jack and Annie travel in their magic tree house back to a Hawaiian island of long ago where they make friends, learn how to surf, and encounter a tsunami. (Series: “Magic Tree House”)

Patterson, Nancy Ruth. *Winners Walk*

Case Callahan finds trouble succeeding until he finds a stray dog with a surprising past.

Roy, Ron. *Kidnapped at the Capital*

KC's mother and the clone of the president of the United States, are kidnapped by disgruntled astronauts who want to take over the International Space Station. (Series: "Capital Mysteries")

Stead, Rebecca. *Liar & Spy*

If you saw a sign that read "Spy Club Meeting -Today" would you want to know where and when? Would you sneak out to attend? Join George as he moves into a new apartment and discovers that sometimes, even when you're looking closely, you can still miss the clues.

Sternberg, Julie. *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie*

Eleanor is crushed when Bibi, her beloved babysitter, must move away to care for her elderly father. As she adjusts to life without Bibi, a new babysitter, and to the start of the school year, Eleanor finds that change isn't always as sour as pickle juice on a cookie.

Taback, Simms. *Postcards from Camp*

Michael's first experience at sleep-away camps start out as a very scary affair. He sends out a slew of urgent letters and postcards to his Dad in hopes he will be rescued from his alien counselor, his prankster bunkmates and the constant rain.

Wallace, Carol. *That Furball Puppy and Me*

Gray, a young cat, is dismayed when Christmas brings a Scottish terrier into the house, but he changes his mind when the new pet needs his help.

Warner, Sally. *EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken*

Short on size but long on personality, EllRay Jakes navigates the pitfalls of 3rd grade, including Jared the bully; and in doing so, he becomes a great example to readers who have ever faced similar challenges. (Series: "Ellray Jakes")

Winkler, Henry. *Holy Enchilada!*

Trying to impress a visitor from Japan, Hank hides his dyslexia while the gang makes enchiladas for a Multi-Cultural Day lunch, and Hank is afraid he was very wrong about the amount of chili pepper for the recipe. (Series: "Hank Zipzer...World's Best Underachiever")

Winkler, Henry. *Somebody Get Me Out of the Fourth Grade!*

Fearing that he may be failing fourth grade, Hank enlists the help of his friends and even his annoying younger sister, in an effort to prevent his parents from attending a parent-teacher conference. (Series: “Hank Zipzer...World’s Best Underachiever”)

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Jonell, Lynne. *Hamster Magic*

When six-year-old Celia mistakenly makes the wrong “hamster wish”, she and her siblings must go on a journey to find the Great Hamster to reverse the spell. A night of adventure brings the family closer together while convincing them that perhaps having to move to a new house isn’t so bad after all.

Scieszka, Tom. *Knights of the Kitchen Table*

When Joe, Fred and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face to face with giants, dragons, wizards, King Arthur, and The Knights of the Round Table. (Series: “Time Warp Trio”)

Smith, Clete Barrett. *Aliens on Vacation*

What a surprise when Scrub realizes that his grandmother’s Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast has some very interesting, yet weird-looking guests. (Book #1, Series: “Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast”)

NON-FICTION/BIOGRAPHY

Adler, David. *A Picture Book of Amelia Earhart*

Discusses the life of the pilot who was the first woman to cross the Atlantic.

Adler, David. *A Picture Book of Rosa Parks*

Biography of the Alabama black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped establish the civil rights movement.

(Other Adler titles include: George Washington Carver, Helen Keller, Cesar Chavez, Davy Crockett, Eleanor Roosevelt, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Louis Braille, Paul Revere, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln)

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *14 Cows for America*

This book represents the tale of a gift of fourteen cows given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

McGovern, Ann. *If You Lived in Colonial Times*

Through a question and answer format, the major aspects of everyday life in colonial America are seen through the eyes of children living in that period.

Moore, Kay. *If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution*

This book discusses the different aspects of the American Revolution, including information about what started the Revolution, who fought in it, what a Loyalist was, and other related topics.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Dolphins and Sharks: A Non-Fiction Guide to Dolphins at Daybreak*

This book discusses dolphins and sharks, their ocean habitats, and general information about oceans and oceanography.

Osborne, Will. *Titanic: A Non-Fiction Companion to Tonight on the Titanic*

This book explores the history of the steamship “Titanic,” from Thomas Andrews’ plans “the safest ship on the ocean” to the lingering questions concerning its disastrous maiden voyage in 1912.

Roop, Peter. *In Their Own Words: Benjamin Franklin*

This is a biography of Benjamin Franklin, using his newspaper articles and personal recollections.

Sullivan, George. *In Their Own Words: Davy Crockett*

This book explores Davy Crockett’s extraordinary journey from growing up in the backwoods of Tennessee to becoming a congressman in Washington, D.C.

(Other Sullivan titles include: Paul Revere, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Lewis and Clark, The Wright Brothers, and Pocahontas)

POPULAR SERIES

Junie B. Jones (Series), Barbara Parks

Goosebumps (Series), R. L. Stein

Animorphs (Series), K. A. Applegate

Magic Tree House (Series), Mary Pope Osborne

Secrets of Droon (Series), Tony Abbott

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Series), Jeff Kinney

Bailey School Kids (Series), Debbie Dadey, Marcia Thornton Jones

American Girl (Series), Megan McDonald

Judy Moody (Series), Megan McDonald