

Summer Reading for Incoming 4th Graders 2021

You are required to:

- Read a minimum of **3 chapter books** from this list. You may only count ONE book from each series or author towards your summer reading.
- Keep a **log** of your summer reading.
- Write one **postcard summary** (directions on pgs. 7-8).
- **Do not** bring summer work on the first day of school.

MEDALS AWARDED TO TOP READERS



Medals will be awarded to the boys who exceed the book requirement.

Earn your medal::

- **BRONZE:** 4 books 800+ pages
- **SILVER:** 4 books 1,000+ pages
- **GOLD:** 5 books 1,500+ pages

The postcard will be the first test grade. The reading log will be the first homework grade.

All reading must be documented, pages must be added, and your reading log must be signed by a parent.

Summer Reading Log

Name: _____

You are required to read 3 books on the list. You may only count ONE book from each series or author towards your summer reading.

This summer, I read the following books from the approved summer reading list:

	Title	Author	Number of Pages
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Total number of books: _____

Total number of pages: _____

Medal earned (circle one):

BRONZE
4 books
800+ pages

SILVER
4 books
1,000+ pages

GOLD
5 books
1,500+ pages

Parent Signature: _____

Summer Reading List for Incoming 4th Graders 2021

Realistic Fiction

Title	Author	Book Level	Pt.
<i>Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i>	Angleberger, Tom	4.7	4
<i>One Handed Catch</i>	Auch, Mary Jane	4.2	8
<i>Pickle</i>	Baker, Kim	4.6	7
<i>Stay</i>	Bobbie Pyron	4.1	7
<i>A Dog's Way Home</i>	Bobbie Pyron	4.5	9
<i>Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen</i>	Lenz, Niki	5.1	7
<i>Frindle</i>	Clements, Andrew	5.4	2
<i>Janitor's Boy, The</i>	Clements, Andrew	5.4	4
<i>School Story, The</i>	Clements, Andrew	5.2	5
<i>Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet</i>	Salisbury, Graham	2.8	2
<i>Dogs Don't Tell Jokes</i>	Sachar, Louis	3.8	5
<i>Jake & Lily</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	3.2	4
<i>Danger on Panther Peak</i>	Wallace, Bill	3.9	4
<i>One-Third Nerd</i>	Choldenko, Jennifer	3.6	4
<i>The Thing About Georgie</i>	Graff, Lisa	4.3	5
<i>Genius Files #3- You Only Die Twice</i>	Gutman, Dan	4.9	7
<i>Stormbreaker</i>	Horowitz, Anthony	5.1	7
<i>Survivor Diaries: Avalanche</i>	Johnson, Terry Lynn	4.2	2
<i>Henry Reed, Inc.</i>	Robertson, Keith	5.5	8
<i>How to Steal a Dog</i>	O'Connor, Barbara	4.0	5
<i>Power Forward</i>	Khan, Hena	3.8	2
<i>Hero</i>	Li Shotz, Jennifer	4.5	6
<i>The Willoughbys</i>	Lowry, Lois	5.2	4
<i>Athlete vs. Mathlete</i>	Mack, W.C.	3.9	5
<i>Terrible Two, The</i>	Mac Barnett and J. John	4.5	4
<i>Shiloh Season</i>	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	4.8	5
<i>The Bridge Home</i>	Venkatraman, Padma	4.4	5
<i>The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle</i>	Christina Uss	5.9	11

Mystery

Title	Author	Book Level	Pt.
<i>Ghost of Fossil Glen, The</i>	DeFelice, Cynthia	4.9	5
<i>Trapped in Death Cave</i>	Wallace, Bill	4.2	5
<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>	Konigsburg, E.L.	4.7	5

Fantasy and Sci-Fi

Title	Author	Book Level	Pt.
<i>Joshua Dread</i>	Bacon, Lee	5.0	7
<i>The Last Kids on Earth</i>	Brallier, Max	4.1	3
<i>The Strangers</i>	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	5.1	11
<i>Star Wars: Jedi Academy</i>	Brown, Jeffrey	3.8	2
<i>Mouse and the Motorcycle, The</i>	Cleary, Beverly	5.1	3
<i>Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows</i>	Ryan, Calejo	5.4	10
<i>Stuart Little</i>	White, E.B.	6	3
<i>Crenshaw</i>	Applegate, Katherine	3.8	3
<i>Gregor the Overlander</i>	Collins, Suzanne	4.8	8
<i>Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher</i>	Coville, Bruce	4.9	4
<i>BFG, The</i>	Dahl, Roald	4.8	6
<i>George's Marvelous Medicine</i>	Dahl, Roald	4.0	2
<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	DiCamillo, Kate	4.3	5
<i>Vanishing Coin</i>	Egan, Kate	4.0	2
<i>Nightbooks</i>	J. A. White	4.8	9
<i>Wonder Struck</i>	Selznick, Brian	5.4	4
<i>Aliens on Vacation</i>	Smith Barrett, Clete	5.1	9
<i>Skull King's Shadow, The</i>	Rollins, James	5.0	12
<i>Cabinet of Wonders, The</i>	Rutkoski, Marie	4.9	11
<i>Caterpillar Summer</i>	Gillian McDunn	3.8	8
<i>The Magic Thief</i>	Prineas, Sarah	4.5	9
<i>Hamster Magic</i>	Jonell, Lyne	3.8	2
<i>Dying to Meet You</i>	Klise, Kate	4.9	2
<i>Platypus Police Squad: The Frog Who Croaked</i>	Krosoczka, Jarrett J.	4.9	5

<i>Savvy</i>	Law, Ingrid	6.0	9
<i>Get to Work, Hercules!</i>	McMullan, Kate	3.7	4
<i>11 Birthdays</i>	Mass, Wendy	4.1	7
<i>Fairest of All</i>	Mlynowski, Sarah	2.3	3
<i>Wolf Brother</i>	Paver, Michelle	4.5	8
<i>A Wolf Called Wander</i>	Rosanne Parry	4.3	4
<i>Echo</i>	Ryan, Pam Muñoz	4.9	13
<i>Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster</i>	Jonathan Auxier	4.5	10

Historical Fiction

Title	Author	Book Level	Pt.
<i>City of Orphans</i>	Avi	3.5	8
<i>Lions of Little Rock, The</i>	Levine, Kristin	4.1	8
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lowry, Lois	4.5	4
<i>I Survived (any book, only one)</i>	Tarshis, Lauren	4.6	2
<i>Great Brain, The</i>	Fitzgerald, John D.	5.2	7
<i>Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tale: One Dead Spy</i>	Hale, Nathan	2.6	2
<i>Towers Falling</i>	Rhodes, Jewell Parker	3.3	4
<i>War Horse</i>	Morpurgo, Michael	5.9	6
<i>Zane and the Hurricane</i>	Philbrick, Rodman	5.3	5
<i>One-Handed Catch</i>	MJ Auch	4.2	8

Popular Book Series/Authors

You may only count ONE book from each series or author towards your summer reading.

Title	Author	Book Level	Pt.
<i>The Lightning Thief</i> (any <u>one</u> book in the series)	Riordan, Rick	4.7	13
<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> (any <u>one</u> book in the series)	J. K. Rowling	5-7	12
<i>The Ickabog</i>		6.8	10
<i>Spy School, The Funjungle, The Moon Base Alpha, Charlie Thorne, The Last Musketeer</i>	Stuart Gibbs	5	11
<i>The Unicorn Rescue Society</i>	Adam Gidwitz	4-5	3
<i>The One and Only Bob</i>	Katherine Applegate	3.9	4
<i>Crenshaw</i>		3.8	3
<i>Wishtree</i>		4.2	3
<i>The Wingfeather Saga</i>	Andrew Peterson	5-6	15-23
<i>Lucky Luke's Hunting Adventures</i>	Kevin Lovegreen	3.7-5.1	1-3
<i>Gregor the Overlander Series</i>	Suzanne Collins	4/7-5	12-16
<i>Warriors Series</i>	Erin Hunter	3.7-6	9-12
<i>Hyperspace High</i>	Zac Harrison	5	5
<i>Artemis Fowl Series</i>	Eoin Colfer	5-6	10-11
<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Series</i>	C.S.Lewis	5-6	6-9
<i>Lawn Boy</i>	Paulsen, Gary	4.3	2
<i>Woodsong</i>		5.6	5
<i>Dogsong</i>		5.2	5
<i>Hatchet</i>		5.7	7
<i>River, The</i>		5.5	4
<i>New Kid</i>	Jerry Craft	2.9	2
<i>Class Act</i>		2.8	2

Summer Reading Postcard Rubric for Incoming Fourth Graders

Please write a postcard to Ms. Moore telling her about one of the books you read this summer. Use the template in this packet. Here is the rubric I will use to grade your postcard:

Front of Postcard

Write your name, the title of the book you read, and the author of the book you read at the bottom right-hand corner of the postcard. Underline the title of the book. Capitalize the first word of the title, the last word of the title, and all important words in the middle of the title.

____ 10 Your first and last name

____ 10 Title of book written correctly

____ 10 Author's name written correctly

____ 10 Draw an important scene or event from the book. Color the entire cover of the postcard in completely.

Back of Postcard

____ 10 Begin the postcard with:

Ms. Moore,

I just read the best book called _____ by _____.

____ 10 Describe the main character and the problem he or she must overcome.

____ 10 Write a conclusion, but don't give away the ending.

____ 10 Include a short review in the second paragraph saying why you like the book.

____ 10 Design a stamp. Color the stamp completely.

____ 10 Spelling and grammar (Remember to capitalize and underline the title of the book.)

Example of postcard message:

Dear Ms. Moore,

I just read the best book called Matilda by Roald Dahl. The main character is named Matilda. She is a young girl who is smart and kind. She loves to read, and she is very independent. Unfortunately, her parents do not treat her well. Matilda dreams of going to school, but her parents ignore her and leave her at home to accept packages for her father. While she is at home, she realizes that she has magical powers and can control things with her mind.

Finally, Matilda convinces her parents to allow her to attend school. She is placed in a classroom with the kindest teacher, Ms. Honey. However, the Headmistress, Mrs. Trunchbull, is very mean. Together, Ms. Honey and Matilda try to defeat Mrs. Trunchbull with a clever plan. I recommend reading the book to see whether they succeed.

I loved the book! The characters were described so well I felt like I knew them. I could not put this book down. I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Sincerely,
Johnny McWildcat*

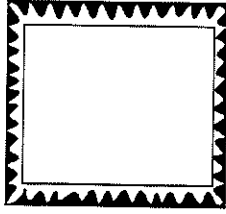
What should I be doing as a parent during this process?

- *Help guide and model for your child.
- *Do not write for them, but you can help with ideas and encourage your child to expand their thoughts or correct their work.
- *It is okay to correct their work--Underline words that are misspelled and help them spell them correctly.
- *Read over the writing of your child. Have him read aloud to you. Ask him questions to help him add details.

Dear Ms. Moore,

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

Ms. Moore
San Antonio Academy
117 East French Place
San Antonio, TX, 78212

Summer Reading Postcard for Incoming Fourth Graders---Front of Postcard

Postcard By (Your Name): _____

Title of the Book: _____

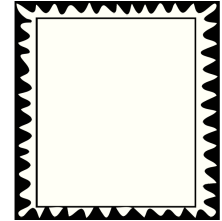
Author of the Book: _____

Summer Reading Postcard for Incoming Fourth Graders---Back of Postcard

Dear Ms. Moore,

[illegible]

Sincerely,



Ms. Moore
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Summer Reading Postcard for Incoming Fourth Graders---Front of Postcard

Postcard By (Your Name): _____

Title of the Book: _____

Author of the Book: _____

