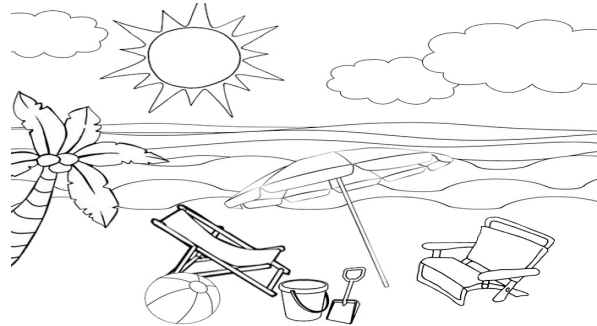


SUMMER PACKET



FOR RISING 4TH GRADERS

Dear Almost Fourth Graders,
In this packet is a suggested reading list, ideas for ways to share a book,
and LEXIA Core5 information.

1. **Over the summer**, you will be responsible for:

- ☆ Reading two or more chapter books on your reading level. It would terrific if one is fiction and other is nonfiction. Use the attached list and websites for suggested titles. Please choose books that are new to you! Choose carefully and read each book in its entirety. Of course, we hope you read more than the required two.
- ☆ Sharing one book with your classmates once you return to school. The sharing will be **literacy-based** and will be shared in your literacy class during the 1st week of school. Choose an idea from the list below. A grade will be given and quality is of the utmost importance.

Ways to Share a Book

- Write a script for a scene from the story (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Write a letter to the author or to one of the characters (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Write a poem based on the book (must be at least two stanzas).

- Illustrate a scene from the story in the medium of your choice and include a summary (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Design a new book jacket and include a summary (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Write a new ending to the story (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Write a sequel to the book if it does not have one (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Watch the movie and write a compare/ contrast summary (must be at least two paragraphs).
- Write a biography of one of the characters (must be at least two paragraphs).

2. PRACTICE ON LEXIA

Spend some time on www.lexiacore5.com. Use your username and password.

- If you are already on the **4th grade levels 15 & 16** (or higher), you don't have to do Lexia this summer.
- If you are asked for your teacher's email while doing Lexia, type in your 3rd grade English teacher's email.

3. A suggested list of books for Rising 4th Graders:

[The Hobbit](#)

age 9+

Brilliantly written, inventive pre-LOTR tale.

By J.R.R. Tolkien

[The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1](#)

age 9+

Greek myths meet fast-paced adventure in boy-demigod tale.

By Rick Riordan

[Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing](#)

age 9+

Toddler antics bug brother, amuse readers in 1st Fudge book.

By Judy Blume

The War That Saved My Life

age 9+

Abused girl finds courage, family in compelling WWII story.

By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

When You Reach Me

age 9+

Perfectly voiced, mysterious sci-fi coming-of-age tale.

By Rebecca Stead

As Brave As You

age 10+

Poignant summer adventure brims with family love and hope.

By Jason Reynolds

Booked

age 10+

Soccer player faces divorce, bullies in fast-paced novel.

By Kwame Alexander

Brown Girl Dreaming

age 10+

Captivating poems depict coming-of-age in tumultuous 1960s.

By Jacqueline Woodson

The Ear, the Eye and the Arm

age 10+

Amazing adventure about siblings lost in a future Zimbabwe.

By Nancy Farmer

Esperanza Rising

age 10+

Historical fiction at its best in story of '30s farmworkers.

By Pam Munoz Ryan

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

age 10+

Fourth Potter has brilliant plotting -- and dragons.

By J. K. Rowling

Holes

age 10+

Humorous and moving story has an edge.

By Louis Sachar

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World

age 10+

Inspiring memoir of teen Nobel laureate shot by Taliban.

By Malala Yousafzai, Patricia McCormick

Inside Out and Back Again

age 10+

Inspiring, educational immigrant story told in free verse.

By Thanhha Lai

Little Women

age 10+

Classic still charms despite outdated gender roles.

By Louisa May Alcott

My Side of the Mountain

age 10+

Gripping, inspiring wilderness-survival adventure.

By Jean Craighead George

Out of My Mind

age 10+

Moving story of smart disabled girl overcoming challenges.

By Sharon M. Draper

The Outcasts: Brotherband Chronicles, Book 1

age 10+

Fun underdog tale starts high-seas series.

By John Flanagan

Redwall: Redwall, Book 1

age 10+

Exciting tale promotes peace in the face of war.

By Brian Jacques

Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party

age 10+

Gripping story, great intro to China's Cultural Revolution.

By Ying Chang Compestine

Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

age 10+

Offbeat imagination rules in funny, poignant graphic novel.

By Stephan Pastis

The Unwanteds, Book 1

age 10+

Magical fantasy has peril, battles, positive messages.

By Lisa McMann

The Westing Game

age 10+

Would-be heirs compete for a fortune in classic mystery.

By Ellen Raskin

Also, check out these websites for more excellent titles!

www.neworleanspubliclibrary.org

www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/4th-grade-reading-list

kidswhoread.wordpress.com/3rd-5th-list

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/7-books-that-celebrate-diversity-for-older-elementary-schoolers/>

<https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-for-kids/>