

Summer Reading for Rising Fourth Graders



Parents,

We are wishing you and your family a relaxing summer break. While on summer break, we would like to remind you of the importance of consistent reading habits. Reading stamina is a developed skill and requires *daily* reading experience. This summer, students going into fourth grade are required to read the following works:



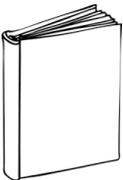
Aesop's Fables by Ann McGovern

Aesop's fables are retold in kid-friendly text with black-and-white illustrations throughout! This 80-page edition of Aesop's Fables introduces young readers to Aesop's classic fables in a fun and accessible way. Ann McGovern retells the classic fables using kid-friendly language, and there are striking black-and-white illustrations throughout. (Summary taken from Barnes & Noble website.)



The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13 by Honest Lee

When unlucky teacher Ms. Linda LaCrosse wins the lottery, she shares her winnings with her class—giving each student over a BILLION DOLLARS! You might think this was nice, but it was not. It was a nasty idea. With great money comes awful allergies, terrible taxes, violent volcanoes, and other pesky problems. As the students of Classroom 13 are about to learn, winning the lottery is *not* always lucky. (Summary taken from Barnes & Noble website.)



Student's Choice!

Choose any work of fiction or non-fiction to enjoy. In the fall, students will recommend their choice to classmates.

Our goal in providing these three reading assignments is to encourage sustained practice of reading during the summer months. In the fall, the Lamplighter School's fourth grade team will welcome your child back to school with classroom lessons, activities, and discussions based on the assigned reading. As young readers develop uniquely, we encourage families to consider for their child, the most appropriate approach to reading. Students may choose to read the assignments independently, in small groups, or with an adult. Happy Reading!

Reading Ideas

New Titles to Consider!

How to Avoid Extinction by Paul Acampora

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes

Wedgie and Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors

Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres

Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics by Margarita Engle

American Studies

New Americans: Colonial Times 1620-1689 by Betsy Maestro

Encounter by Jane Yolen

Who was Christopher Columbus? by Bonnie Bader

Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla

Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims by Kenneth C. Davis

The Lost Colony of Roanoke by Jean Fritz

American Dream: The New World, Colonial Times, and Hints of Revolution
by Colleen L. Reece

Classics!

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Secret of the Old Clock by Nancy Drew #10 by Carolyn Keene

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

The Story of Dr. Dolittle by Hugh Lofting

It's Raining Pigs & Noodles by Jack Prelutsky

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lundgren