THE Lamplighter SCHOOL

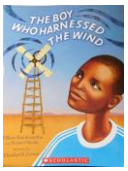
2020 Summer Reading List
Fourth Grade

Rising fourth graders are required to read the following books:

- **Book Uncle and Me**, by Umi Krishnaswami
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** (picture book edition), by William Kamkwamba
- **Choose a Change-Maker Story**, see list below
- **Student Choice** – Choose any work of fiction or non-fiction to enjoy.
  In the fall, students will recommend their choice to classmates.

1. *Book Uncle and Me* by Umi Krishnaswami

Every day, nine-year-old Yasmin borrows a book from Book Uncle, a retired teacher who has set up a free lending library on the street corner. But when the mayor tries to shut down the rickety bookstand, Yasmin has to take her nose out of her book and do something. What can she do? The local elections are coming up, but she's just a kid. She can't even vote!



2. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (picture book edition) by William Kamkwamba

When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone school, William spent his days in the library…and figured out how to bring electricity to his village. Persevering against the odds, William built a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps, and thus became the local hero who harnessed the win.

3. Choose a Change-Maker Story

The chapter books below tell stories about characters and people who strive to make their community a better one. Choose and read one of the chapter books listed below.

- ***Stef Soto, Taco Queen*** by Jennifer Torres
- ***A Boy Called Bat*** by Elana K. Arnold
- ***Saving Winslow*** by Sharon Creech
- ***Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different*** by Ben Brooks
- ***Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights*** by Malala Yousafzai, with Patricia McCormick

4. You Choose!

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More Reading Ideas

FUN and FUNNY

- **Fing**, by David Walliams
- **Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery**, by John Feinstein
- **The Real McCoys**, by Matthew Swanson
- **Wedgie & Gizmo**, by Suzanne Selfors
- **Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet**, by Megan Frazer

2020 NOTABLES

- **The New Kid**, by Jerry Craft - Newbery Award
- **El Chupacabras**, by Adam Rubin -Texas Bluebonnet Award
- **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**, by Kwame Mbalia - Coretta Scott King Book Award Author Honor Book)
- **The Undefeated**, by Kwame Alexander, Kadir Nelson (Illustrator) - Caldecott Medal
- **Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln**, by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López - Belpré Illustrator Award

CLASSICS AND FAVORITES

- **Wonder**, by R.J. Palacio
- **Charlotte's Web**, by E.B. White
- **Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs**, by Douglas Florian
- **Matilda**, by Roald Dahl
- **It's Raining Pigs & Noodles**, by Jack Prelutsky
- **Pippi Longstocking**, by Astrid Lundgren
- **Wish**, by Barbara O'Connor
- **Save Me a Seat**, by Sara Weeks
- **Stay**, by Bobbie Pyron