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**Fourth Grade Reading List**

You should read as much as possible over the summer. You are required to read three books from this list.

For one book you should write a short summary of the story (attached sheet).

Please keep a record of what you have read to turn in the first week of school in the fall.

**Summer Reading Log**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	



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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Book Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Characters**

**The setting (where did the story take place)**

**Write a paragraph telling the most important event that occurred in the story. What happened?**

**Why did you like this book?**

**Why would you recommend this book to another student?**



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**Fourth Grade Reading List**     *\*Any books by this author too!*

**Survival School**

**Asch \***

Molly and Jake are two young wild mice that live between the walls at a school. When they try to teach Dexter, the escaped class gerbil, how to survive outside of his cage, all three find themselves in danger.

**Brooklyn, Bugsy, and Me**

**Bowditch**

In the summer of 1953, Sam and his mother move from West Virginia to Brooklyn, New York, to live with his grandfather. Sam's grandfather doesn't say much and doesn't seem like he's in a good mood most of the time. In the neighborhood, everyone likes Sam's grandfather. He even has a nickname-Bugsy. Why doesn't Bugsy want his grandson around?

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**

**Blume\***

Two is a crowd when Peter and his little brother, Fudge, are in the same room. Grown-ups think Fudge is absolutely adorable, but Peter and his pet turtle know the truth. From throwing temper tantrums to smearing mashed potatoes on the wall, Fudge causes mischief wherever he goes.

**Frindle**

**Clements \***

He really just likes to liven things up at school-and he's always had plenty of great Ideas. When Nick learns some Interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the Inspiration for his best plan ever. . .the frindle.

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle**

**Cleary \***

Ralph is not like the other mice at the Mountain View Inn. He is always looking for adventure. It is Ralph's lucky day when a young guest named Keith arrives with a shiny miniature motorcycle.

**Granny Torrelli Makes Soup**

**Creech**

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve year old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

**Matilda**

**Dahl \***

"The Trunchbull" is no match for Matilda! Who put superglue in Dad's hat? Was it really ghost that made Mom tear out of the house? Matilda is a genius with idiot parents - and she's having a great time driving them crazy. But at school things are different.



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**The Tale of Despereaux**

**DiCamillo \***

Reader, this is the tale of a small mouse's noble quest, defying all odds, to serve and save his unlikely love, Princess Pea. How can a lone mouse destined to be "rat food" in the dark castle dungeon ever become a storybook knight?

**Elevator Family**

**Evans**

The Wilson family arrives at the San Francisco Hotel to find that there are no regular rooms available. At the hotel, they find a room called Otis and move in. The Wilsons spend their vacation going up and down and greeting the many people who visit their room. They are sleeping in the hotel elevator! This vacation turns out to be the best one the Wilsons have ever had.

**Joey Pigza Loses Control**

**Gantos \***

Joey Pigza, who once swallowed a key, but now has his meds, is feeling great. For the first time in years he is going to spend the summer with his dad. When he meets his dad, a grown-up version of his old hyperactive self, Joey wants to do whatever it takes to be a good son, even when he fears it will not do him any good at all.

**Travels With My Family**

**Gay \***

Hurricanes, tornados, ravenous alligators; when my family goes on vacation they go "off the beaten path"— which means going places no one in their right mind would ever travel to.

**Homework Machine**

**Gutman \***

Someone finally invented a machine that does your homework for you! But the teacher is getting suspicious, and even the police are asking questions. How could such a dream machine cause so much trouble?

**Ella Enchanted**

**Levine \***

Ella struggles against a childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

**Number the Stars**

**Lowry**

Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think about life before the war. But It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching in their town.



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## Ugly

### Napoli \*

Ugly, named by his "duck" siblings, is different from the rest of his family — so different, that his own mother ejects him from the colony. Can Ugly survive the harsh winter with the help of new friends and find his true self?

## Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia

### O'Connor

Bird has two goals in life: to be famous -- even for just one day - and go to Disneyworld. These goals could be achieved by winning the spelling bee but Bird needs a partner. The only one available is the new kid Harlem whom everyone says is stupid.

## Pish Posh

### Potter

Clara Frankofile is a fabulously wealthy 11-year-old snob. She decides who is "In" and who is "Out" at the Pish Posh, her parents' fashionable restaurant. Her rich, tidy world is turned upside-down when she banishes Dr. Piff from Pish Posh and finds a mystery to solve right under her nose.

## The Scarecrow and His Servant

### Pullman\*

When a bolt of lightning brings Scarecrow to life, he sets out to lead a life of glory and adventure, accompanied by his faithful servant Jack, a young orphaned boy. Together, Scarecrow and Jack fight battles with brigands, broken hearts, and Scarecrow's greatest foe, birds.

## Julep O'Toole: Confessions of a Middle Child

### Trueit

Julep is squashed between her almost perfect older sister and her asthmatic/allergy stricken younger brother. She wants to break out from being invisible to everyone (except her best friends). Just when she gets invited to a party by the most popular girl in school, an emergency happens at home. Maybe Julep is destined to be invisible forever.

## Regular Guy

### Weeks

Guy Strang has the weirdest parents in the whole 6th grade, come to think of it, they are the weirdest parents ever. Then he finds out that Bob-O, the weirdest kid in school, was born on the same day as Guy and in the same hospital. He decides that they somehow must have been switched at birth. To prove his theory he convinces Bob-O to trade places for a weekend. and what a weekend it turns out to be! (Then read the sequel, [Guy Time](#))



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**The Diary of Melanie Martin or: How I Survived Matt the Brat, Michelangelo, and the Leaning Tower of Pizza**

**Weston**

Reading Melanie's diary will take you on a trip that will make you laugh sometimes, cry sometimes, but mostly it will make you feel like it was your own amazing adventure in Italy. Beware, you might even learn to speak some Italian! This book is just as fun as its title!

**I Got a "D" in Salami**

**Winkler \***

Hank doesn't like his mother's recipe for soy salami, but he never meant for his report card to be an added ingredient. Now he has to sa