

Dear future 4th grade students,

Now that your summer vacation has begun, you will have plenty of free time. I want you to enjoy your time off: kick back, relax, and pick up a few good books.

In this journal, you will find 2 suggested reading lists and journal pages. You are expected to read 3 chapter books throughout the summer (either from the enclosed reading lists or your own choice). Some of these books are not written by Christian authors, so please ask your parents to help you choose wisely. Each book on the 1st list has its reading level written next to it. Research has shown that when reading for pleasure, it is better to choose books that are below your current reading level. The other list is from the Provident Christian Bookstore website.

When you finish reading each book, please write a 5-10 sentence summary in your journal, and have your parents initial it in the space provided. You may read more than 3 books if you like

Please bring your journal to me on the first day of school. I look forward to seeing you in September. Happy Reading!!

Your 4th grade teacher,
Mrs. Jago

4th Grade Suggested Reading List

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reading Level</u>
My Name is Maria Isabel	Alma Flor Ada	4.9
Any <i>Cam Jansen</i> Mysteries	David A. Adler	3.3-3.8
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater	5.6
Poppy	Avi	4.5
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	5.0
Superfudge	Judy Blume	3.4
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	4.0
The Enormous Egg	Oliver Butterworth	5.0
The Pinballs	Betsy Byars	3.8
The Family Under the Bridge	Natalie Savage Carlson	4.7
Henry Huggins	Beverly Cleary	4.7
Books from the <i>Ramona</i> Series	Beverly Cleary	4.8-5.2
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr	4.1
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dagliesh	3.9
Fantastic Mr. Fox	Roald Dahl	4.1
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	4.8
<i>Amber Brown</i> books	Paula Danziger	2.6-4.0
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes	5.4
The Great Brain	John Dennis Fitzgerald	5.2
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman	3.9
John and the Fiddler	Patricia Foley	4.7
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz	5.5
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	4.0
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George	5.2
Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe	Bette Greene	5.0
A Gift for Mama	E. Hautzig	4.2
Busybody Nora	Johanna Hurwitz	4.1
<i>Left Behind: The Kids</i> series	J. Jenkins/T. LaHaye	5.5
<i>Herbie Jones</i> books	Suzy Kline	3.3-3.5
<i>Horrible Harry</i> books	Suzy Kline	2.8-3.3
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	4.7
Green Gravy	Beverly Lewis	2.5
Pickle Pizza	Beverly Lewis	2.5
Other books by	Beverly Lewis	2.3-6.8
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	5.7
Grasshopper on the Road	Arnold Lobel	2.9
Uncle Elephant	Arnold Lobel	2.6
Yeh Shen: Cinderella Story from China	Ai-Ling Louie	5.1
The Seven Chinese Brothers	Margaret Mahy	4.8
Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days	Stephen Manes	4.2
The Pizza Pie Slugger	Jean Marzollo	3.3

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reading Level</u>
Shiloh	Phyllis R. Naylor	4.4
The Borrowers	Mary Norton	5.3
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	4.6
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson	4.6
Soup	Robert Newton Peck	4.4
Night of the Twisters	Ivy Ruckman	4.7
A Cricket in Times Square	George Selden	4.9
Meet Kirsten	Janet Shaw	3.8
<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i> series	Donald J. Sobol	3.9-4.8
The Bathwater Gang	Jerry Spinelli	3.0
Song of the Trees	Mildred Taylor	3.8
The Lighthouse Mystery	Gertrude C. Warner	3.2
Mountain Top Mystery	Gertrude C. Warner	3.6
<i>Boxcar Children</i> series	Gertrude C. Warner	3.9
Stuart Little	E.B. White	6.0
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> series	Laura Ingalls Wilder	4.9
The Castle in the Attic	Elizabeth Winthrop	4.9

Books Approved by Provident Christian Bookstore:
Grades 3 - 4

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Meet Kaya	<i>*American Girl series</i>
Pioneer Girl	William Anderson
Into the Rain Forest	<i>*Animal Planet series</i>
Sounder	William H. Armstrong
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard & Florence Atwater
Finding Providence	Avi
Pet's Party/Animal Ark	<i>*Ben M. Baglio</i>
Mattie Mae	Edna Beiler
Detective Pony	<i>*Jean Betancourt</i>
If Peas Could Taste Like Candy	Crystal Bowman
What Difference Does It Make?	Debi Little Brazzale
Through My Eyes	Ruby Bridges
Chocolate by Hershey:	
A Story of Milton S. Hershey	Betty Burford
Adventures of Bobby Raccoon	<i>*Thornton Burgess</i>
The Hidden Prince	Jeffrey E. Burkhart
The Secret Garden	<i>*Frances Hodgson Burnett</i>
On the Halfpipe with Tony Hawk	<i>*Matt Christopher</i>
Coming Home: From the Life of Langston Hughes	Floyd Cooper
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dagliesh
Thee Hannah	<i>*Margaret De Angeli</i>
50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet	Roscoe Denenberg
The Cosmic Camp Caper	<i>*Robert Elmer</i>
Ginger Pye	<i>*Eleanor Estes</i>
Elsie's Endless Wait	<i>*Martha Finley</i>
Secrets of Thief Cave	Becky Freeman
Barry, the Bravest Saint Bernard	Lynn Hall
Meet George Washington	Joan Heilbroner
Misty of Chincoteague	<i>*Marguerite Henry</i>
Smudge, the Little Lost Lamb	<i>*James Herriot</i>
When Jessie Came Across the Sea	Amy Hest
Five Brilliant Scientists	Lynda Jones
...If You Were a Pioneer on the Prairie	Anne Kamma
Orphan Journey Home	Liza Ketchum
William Penn: Founder of Pennsylvania	Steven Kroll
Trouble Times Ten	Dave Lambert

Who's Mandie?	*Lois Gladys Leppard
Big Bad Beans	*Beverly Lewis
Baseball/Sports Heroes	*Mark Littleton
Caleb's Story	*Patricia MacLachlan
Polar Bear Patrol	* <i>Magic School Bus</i> Chapter Books
Power Play	*Christopher Maselli
Gladys Aylward: Daring to Trust	*Renee Taft Meloche
Nine-Story Pagodas & Double Decker Buses	*Gilbert Morris
The Mystery of the Golden Reindeer	*Elsbeth Campbell Murphy
Season of Promise	* <i>My America</i> series
My Life as a Skysurfing Skateboarder	*Bill Myers
Trouble in a Fur Coat	*Janette Oke
Earthquake in the Early Morning	*Mary Pope Osborne
The King's Equal	Katherine Paterson
All About Courage	*Frank Peretti
Nathan's Secret	Geraldine N. Plunkett
In Grandma's Attic	*Arleta Richardson
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Barbara Robinson
Peanut Butter Jelly Secrets	*Nancy Simpson
The Wright Brothers	George Sullivan
Mission Adventure	*Joni Eareckson Tada & Steve Jensen
Tennis Shoes in a Tree	*Joel Thompson
The Treasure Tree	*John Trent
The King's Book	*Louise Vernon
Big Cats	* <i>Usborne Discovery</i> series
Meet Kit	*Valerie Tripp
Comic Book Mystery	*Gertrude Warner
Pioneer Sisters	*Laura Ingalls Wilder
On Tide Mill Lane	*Melissa Wiley
A Life God Rewards for Kids	*Bruce Wilkinson
Escape from the Forbidden Matrix	Marshal Younger

*Any title by this author is approved for reading if level is appropriate