

# Fourth Grade Summer Reading

There are 2 Required Summer Readings:

*Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?* By Avi

And ONE of the Black-Eyed Susan Nominees for next year listed below.

Barnett, Mac	The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity
Forester, Victoria	The Girl Who Could Fly
Henson, Heather	Dream of Night
Holm, Jennifer L.	Turtle in Paradise
Mack, Winnie	After all, you're Callie Boone
Martin, Ann M.	Everything for a Dog
Naylor, Phyllis	Reynolds Emily's Fortune
Waldorf, Mary	The Gold Rush Kid

\*\* Park, Linda Sue *A long walk to water: a novel: based on a true story*

\*\* Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn *42 miles*

\*\* Try not to read these two books over the summer because Mrs. Beyer will read one of them next year in media class. \*\*

## Suggested Reading:

- *The Sisters Grimm Series by Michael Buckley*
- *The Brothers Grimm and the Sisters Weird by Vivian Vande Veble*
- *The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls by Elise Primavera*

These books are available at most bookstores, online, or at the public library. You may read these books independently, with your parents (as a read aloud) or listen to them in audio form if available.

# Fifth Grade Summer Reading

**There are 2 Required Summer Readings:**

*The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

**And ONE of the Black-Eyed Susan Nominees for next year listed below.**

Barnett, Mac	The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity
Forester, Victoria	The Girl Who Could Fly
Henson, Heather	Dream of Night
Holm, Jennifer L.	Turtle in Paradise
Mack, Winnie	After all, you're Callie Boone
Martin, Ann M.	Everything for a Dog
Naylor, Phyllis	Reynolds Emily's Fortune
Waldorf, Mary	The Gold Rush Kid

\*\* Park, Linda Sue A long walk to water: a novel: based on a true story

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**Suggested Challenge Reading:**

Lion Boy by Zizou Corder

These books are available at most bookstores, the public library, and it is available on cassette. You may read these books independently, with your parents (as a read aloud) or listen to them on cassette. We will be doing work on *The Lemonade War* when you come back to school. ENJOY!

## Summer Journal for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

It is important to keep sharp over the summer months and use all the skills learned throughout the school year. Children can actually lose skills in reading, writing, and math without practice. The following are required activities to do over the summer months.

We would like each student to start a summer journal/scrapbook that can be shared with classmates when he/she returns in September. Each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader is required to do 10 journal entries, which will be their first grade for the coming trimester.

### 10 Activities of your choice are Required:

- Make up a newspaper of all the things you did over the summer.
- Make a nature book. Take pictures or illustrate things growing or visiting in the back yard.
- Write an autobiography about yourself.
- Visit a museum and write about it.
- Write about someone who is a hero to you
- Make a list of all the fun things you want to do this summer.
- Make a special page to list all the books you will read this summer. Decorate your page.
- Take pictures of activities that you enjoy doing. Paste the picture in your journal and then write about it.
- Take pictures of special people in your family and write about them.
- Email friends over the summer to keep in touch. Paste a copy in your journal.
- If you are going on a trip this summer, ask your parents if you can help plan the trip. Read about where you are going and then write about what you hope to do there.
- Draw a map of your neighborhood or town and mark the interesting places there.
- Make a list of all the birds you see in your backyard. Get a book from the library to help you identify all of them.
- Look through cookbooks and ask your parents to help you make a recipe. Share your food with your family.
- If you will be seeing family members from far away this summer, ask them about their childhood. What did they do during the summers when they were children? What did they like to read when they were your age? Write about them in your journal.
- Study your multiplication and division facts. Learn two new facts each day. Ask your parents to quiz you when you are in the car running errands. Write a math word problem for a challenging multiplication or division problem.
- Collect favorite riddles and jokes from family and friends and write them in your journal.
- After visiting the zoo or a museum, write about your three favorite animals or things.
- Design, make, and send a post card to a friend.
- Design your own stationary and use it to write a letter to a special friend.
- Study a state or a city and plan your own imaginary trip. Write about your journey in your journal.
- Look at the clouds. Study the shapes and write a poem about it.
- Draw a movie poster to advertise your favorite movie.
- Observe and record the times of the sunsets throughout the summer. Graph your results.
- Make a list of ways you could be more environmental. What could your family and friends do as well? The Time For Kids website has some wonderful ideas in archived articles.
- Daydream about your life in ten years. What will the world be like? Write a paragraph with an illustration.
- Write about your favorite memories from your school year. Draw pictures and describe what you liked most about your year.

- Imagine what the next school year will be like, write three goals you have for the next school year. Talk with your family about how you will accomplish them.
- Make a list of books your siblings and friends are reading. Listen to what the book is about. Star the books you would like to read in the future.
- Over several weeks watch a flower or garden grow. Draw a pictures showing how it has changed over time, list what has changed.
- Go play outside, run around, have fun! Write what you notice in your journal? Why do you think exercise is healthy for your body?
- Go for a swim, watch it rain, or watch the faucet run... Pretend you are a drip of water, write what it you would feel, smell, hear and taste.
- If you earned \$100.00, what would you do with it?
- Ask a grandparent or a wise friend about a memory they have. Draw a picture of their memory and/or write down a summary of the memory.
- Do you have a pet? Watch the funny things your pet does, write and draw your favorite moments.
- Make a collage about you! Cut out pictures in a magazine or print them from a computer with help from parents. Show the things you love and what makes you special.
- Write another ending for one of your favorite books.
- If you were one color, what color would you be? Write your answer in that color.
- Design your own page with a creative and different idea.
- Save all your favorite summer pictures. Make a slideshow and record a DVD of your pictures to share with classmates when you return to school.

If you feel that you would like an additional resource to help review skills over the summer, Barnes and Noble have Summer Bridge Activities Books available. We would suggest getting the book, which is one level above your child's placement for the next year. If your child is a first grader going to second grade, then we recommend buying the second going to third grade book. Have a safe and restful summer.