

**Charleston Day School  
Summer Reading List 2019  
Rising Fourth Graders**

Welcome to the fourth grade! I am looking forward to having each of you in my language arts class in August. Summer is a great time to relax, have fun, and enjoy good books.

I am asking each student to read three books over the summer. All students will read **three** books **from the list provided below**. In order for books to count towards your summer reading requirement, the book title or book from a series must be on the list. Students will **not get credit** for reading books that are not included on the list. You are encouraged to read more than three books if you would like!

**Suggested Book:**

***Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling**

Aven Green has answered a lot of questions about why she does not have arms throughout her life. When she moves to Arizona so her dad can start a new job, she knows starting a new school will not be easy. (Parent note: mild language, <https://www.dustibowling.com/other-books-1>)

1. For those reading *Life of a Cactus*, please **complete the Crazy Arm Story** writing that is your own story about how Aven loses her arms. Use lots of hyperbole (exaggeration) like the character, Aven.
2. For those choosing three “free choice” books from the book list, **complete the Amazon book review** for your favorite book of the three you read. Look at an actual Amazon book listing as a sample.

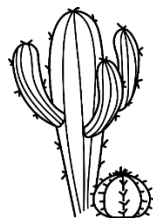
**Additional Books:**

**Choose two books from the attached list if you read *Life of a Cactus*  
OR choose three books from the list if you do not read *Life of a Cactus*.**

1. Please keep a list that includes the title, author, and number of pages in each book you read **on the book log** and have a parent sign this list. I will collect the list the first day of school.
2. You will complete a brief assessment on all books during the first week of school.

**HINT:** As you read, write notes on a 4x6 notecard that include **brief** descriptions of the main characters and key events. You may use these notes while working on the summer reading assignment we will complete in class when we return in the fall.

As with all other homework assignments in the fourth grade, you will be held responsible for your work. Please do not make your first days at school stressful by not completing the reading assignment over the summer. Pace yourself! A good strategy would be to complete half the reading by July 4.



### Book Choices

Please choose books that you have **not** read before.

Books are grouped by genre. Please keep in mind that many books overlap into other genres. For example, a book in the fantasy group might also be considered a mystery or an adventure book, but it will only have it listed in one category.

Genre	Series	Title and Author (** = Mrs. Tobin's favorites)
Realistic Fiction (humorous)	X  X  X	Beatles, Lightly Toasted by Phyllis R. Naylor** Chocolate Fever by Robert K. Smith Freckle Juice by Judy Blume Frindle by Andrew Clements Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary (series) How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell No Talking by Andrew Clements** Ramona Quimby by Beverly Cleary (series) Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan** Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (series) Tarantula Shoes by Tom Birdseye
Realistic Fiction	X X X  X   X	Comeback Kids by Mike Lupica (series) Curtain Up by Anya Wallach and Lisa Fiedler** Destiny Rewritten by Kathryn Fitzmaurice** Flush, Hoot, Scat, or Chomp by Carl Hiaasen (companion books) The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes** Mandy by Julie Edwards The Saturdays by Elizabeth Enright (series) Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly** The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin Summer Pony by Jean Slaughter Doty (series)** Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Action/Adventure	X  X X X	A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements Far North by Will Hobbs** How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell (series) Journey into Terror by Bill Wallace Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein (series) Princess Academy by Shannon Hale** (series) Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket (series) Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick**
Mystery	X X X  X X X X X	Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School by Andrew Clements (series) Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman (series) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon (series) Horton Halfpott by Tom Angleberger The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan (39 Clues series) The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (series) Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene (series) The Secret Series by Pseudonymous Bosch (series) The Sherlock Files by Tracy Barrett (series)**

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<b>Animal (fantasy or adventure)</b>	X	The Black Stallion by Walter Farley (series)	
		Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate	
			A Dog Called Homeless by Sarah Lean
			Gentle Ben by Walt Morey
	X		Hank the Cowdog by John R. Erickson (series)
			Kavik the Wolf Dog by Walt Morey**
			Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
	X		Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist by R. L. LaFevers (series)**
	X		Poppy and Friends by Avi (series)
	X		Redwall by Brian Jacques (series)
			Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary
			Stuart Little by E.B. White
	X		The Cricket in Times Square/Chester by George Seldon (series)
X		The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White	
X		The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (series)	
<b>Fantasy</b>	X	11 Birthdays and companion books by Wendy Mass (series)	
		All the Answers by Kate Messner	
			The BFG by Roald Dahl
	X		Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop (series)
	X		The Creature from My Closet by Obert Skye (series)**
	X		Fablehaven by Brandon Mull (series)
	X		Floors by Patrick Carmen (series)
	X		Half Magic by Edward Eager (series)
	X		Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling (series)
	X		Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks (series)**
	X		The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer (series)
	X		The Magic Half by Annie Barrows (series)**
	X		The Magic Keepers by Erica Kirov (series)
	X		The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas (series)**
	X		Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson (series)
	X		Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff (companion books)
	X		Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler (series)**
	X		Upside-Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Myracle, and Jenkins (series)
	X		Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski (series)**
	X		The Wide-Awake Princess by E.D. Baker (series)**
X		The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum (series)	
X		Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica George (series)	
<b>Historical Fiction</b>	X	All of a Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (series)**	
	X	American Girl by various authors (series)	
			Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink
			Walking with Miss Millie by Tamara Bundy
	X		Dear America by various authors (series)
			The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
	X		Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (series)**
			Morning Girl by Michael Dorris
			The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit
	X		Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (series)
		The Wheel on the School by Meindert De Jong**	
		The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman	

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Science Fiction	X	The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
	X	Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Graphic Novels	X	El Deafo by Cece Bell Smile by Raina Telgemeier (and others by this author) Treasure Hunters by James Patterson (series)
Biographies and Autobiographies	X	A Girl from Yamhill by Beverly Cleary Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming Biographies by various authors (series by Sterling Children's Books) Boy by Roald Dahl Chocolate by Hershey: A Story About Milton S. Hershey by Betty Burford The Day-Glo Brothers by Chris Barton Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman Everyone Wears His Name: A Biography of Levi Strauss by Sondra Henry Model T: How Henry Ford Built a Legend by David Weitzman
	X	Who Was... by various authors (series by Grosset & Dunlap)
Non-Fiction	X	If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution by Kay Moore (series)
	X	Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong** True Stories by various authors (series by Usborne)

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## Summer Book Log

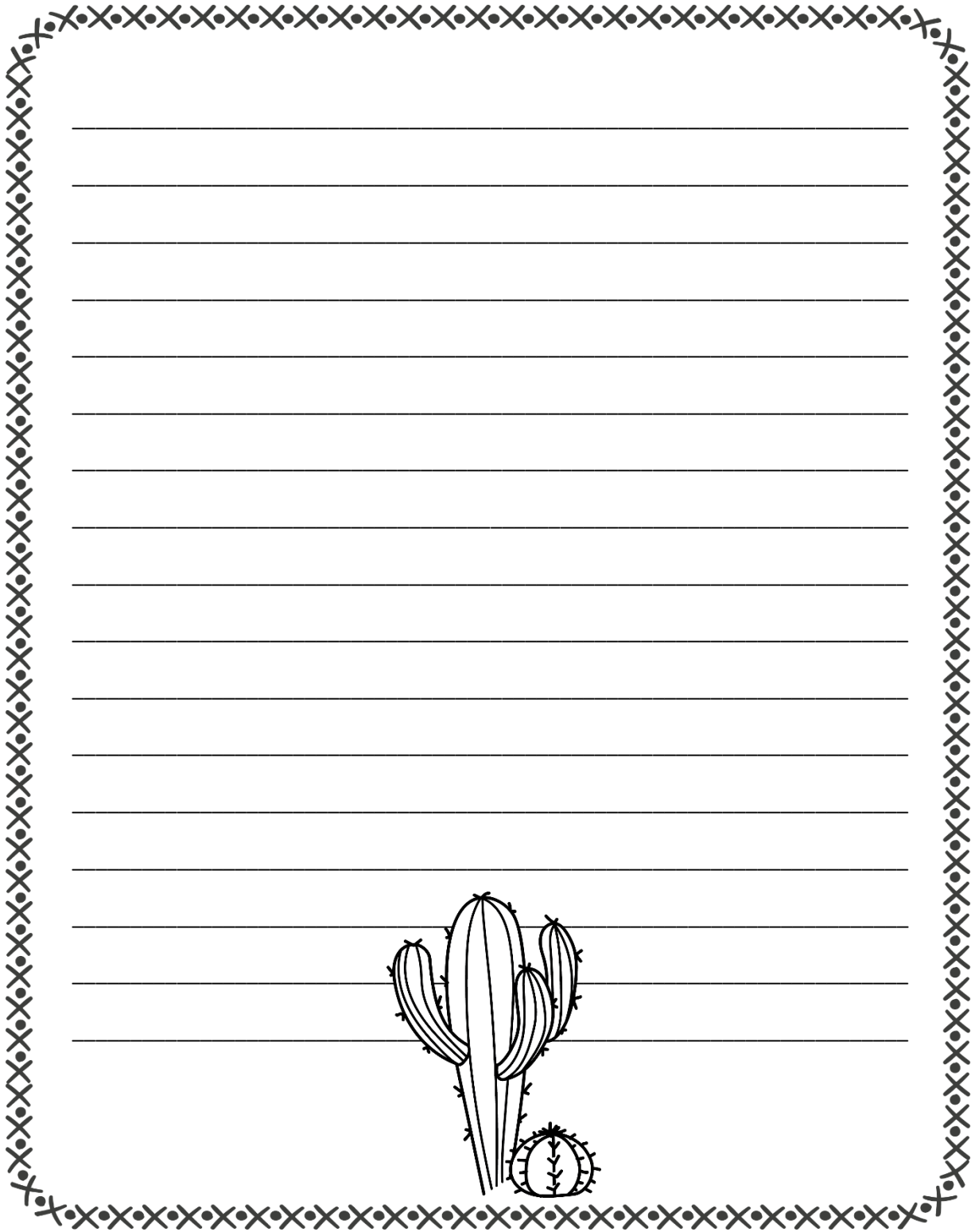
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## A Crazy Arm Story

**DIRECTIONS:** Aven tells lots of different stories about how she lost her arms. Make up your own version of a way that Aven lost her arms. Re-read some of Aven's stories from the book for inspiration. Neat handwriting, 5+ complete sentences.



The writing area is enclosed in a decorative border consisting of a repeating pattern of 'x' marks and dots. It contains 18 horizontal lines for writing. At the bottom center of the writing area, there is a line drawing of a cactus with three arms and a small round cactus next to it.

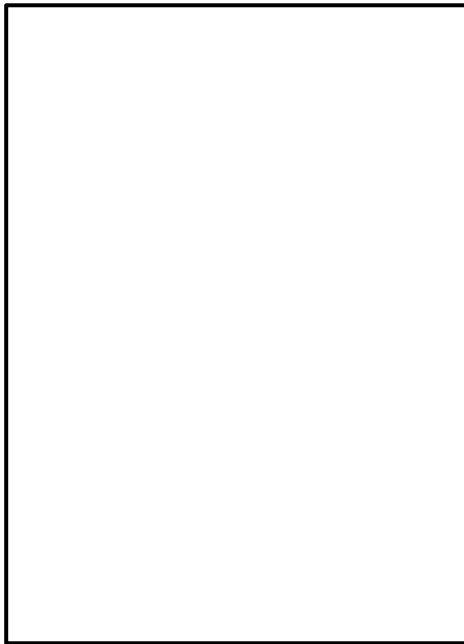


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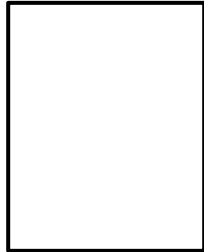
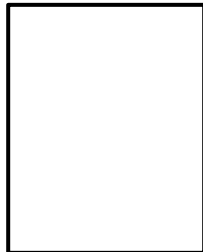
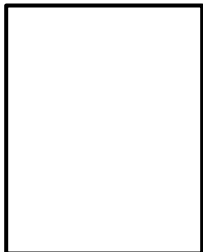
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