

**Charleston Day School**  
**Summer Reading List 2023**  
**Rising Fourth Graders**

Rising fourth graders are asked to read a minimum of three books this summer. The first book is selected for you as your required reading book, *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm. You are also asked to choose two additional books from the attached list. Any additional books should be added to the reading log on the back of this page.

**Required Book:**

***Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm**

**2011 Newbery Honor Book**

Set during the Great Depression, this historical fiction book follows a girl named Turtle who is forced to move from New Jersey to Key West, Florida to live with relatives she's never met. She discovers secrets, scams, and even buried pirate treasure! Before she knows what's happened, Turtle finds herself coming out of the shell she's spent her life building, and as she does, her world opens up in the most unexpected ways.

After completing the required book, complete the attached worksheet and return to your 4th grade teacher on the first day of school, along with your reading log.

**Additional Required Books:**

**Choose two (2) additional books from the attached list.**

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. The teacher will collect the list the first day of school.

**Word Study**

In addition to summer reading, please review the attached Third Grade Common Word list. All rising fourth graders should know how to read and spell these words.



## Book Choices

Genre	Title and Author
<b>Realistic Fiction (humorous)</b>	Chocolate Fever by Robert K. Smith Freckle Juice by Judy Blume 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) Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (series)
<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	Comeback Kids by Mike Lupica (series) Flush, Hoot, Scat, or Chomp by Carl Hiaasen (companion books) The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart The Vanderbeekers of 141 <sup>st</sup> Street by Karina Yan Glaser (series)
<b>Action/ Adventure</b>	A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements Far North by Will Hobbs How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell (series) 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
<b>Mystery</b>	Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School by Andrew Clements (series) Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman (series) The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan (39 Clues series) The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (series) The Secret Series by Pseudonymous Bosch (series) The Sherlock Files by Tracy Barrett (series)
<b>Animal (fantasy or adventure)</b>	The Black Stallion by Walter Farley (series) Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate Kavik the Wolf Dog by Walt Morey Nathaniel Fludd, Beastologist by R. L. LaFevers (series) Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary Stuart Little by E.B. White The Cricket in Times Square/Chester by George Seldon (series) The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (series)

<b>Fantasy</b>	11 Birthdays and companion books by Wendy Mass (series) All the Answers by Kate Messner The BFG by Roald Dahl Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop (series) Fablehaven by Brandon Mull (series) Half Magic by Edward Eager (series) The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer (series) The Magic Keepers by Erica Kirov (series) Upside-Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Myracle, and Jenkins (series) Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski (series) Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica George (series)
<b>Historical Fiction</b>	All of a Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (series) American Girl by various authors (series) Dear America by various authors (series) The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (series) Morning Girl by Michael Dorris Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (series) The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
<b>Science Fiction</b>	The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
<b>Biographies and Autobiographies</b>	A Girl from Yamhill by Beverly Cleary 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 From an Idea to... (business biographies) by Lowey Bundy Sichol Model T: How Henry Ford Built a Legend by David Weitzman Who Was... by various authors (series by Grosset & Dunlap)
<b>Non-Fiction</b>	If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution by Kay Moore (series) Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong True Stories by various authors (series by Usborne)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Summer Book Log

Book Title	Author	Page Count
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Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Turtle in Paradise**

At the very end of the novel, Turtle says: "I've lived long enough to learn the truth: not all kids are rotten, and there are grown-ups who are as sweet as Necco Wafers." (p. 177). Reread the very first paragraph (p. 3), and then compare and contrast Turtle's attitude toward adults and children in the beginning of the novel and then at the end of the novel.

	Adults	Children
Turtle's attitude at the beginning of the novel		
Turtle's attitude at the end of the novel		

In complete sentences, explain one event from the novel that caused Turtle's feelings about adults and children to change.

## CDS 515 Common Words - Third Grade

United States	lived	full
short	became	town
gave	become	complete
order	grow	oh
open	draw	person
ground	yet	anything
really	less	hold
table	wind	state
remember	behind	stood
course	cannot	hundred
front	letter	felt
American	among	kept
space	able	notice
inside	shown	can't
ago	mean	strong
early	English	voice
I'll	perhaps	probably
learned	certain	area
brought	feel	horse
close	fire	matter
nothing	ready	stand
though	green	that's
idea	built	class
before	special	piece

surface	suddenly	low
river	easy	ease
common	leaves	gold
talk	lay	build
quite	size	glass
carry	wild	alone
distance	weather	bottom
although	miss	check
possible	pattern	fall
yellow	sky	poor
seven	walked	friend
funny	main	language
snow	someone	brown
wash	center	buy
hurt	field	eight
fly	stay	through
carry	itself	another
walk	question	enough
although	wide	however
far	least	young
heart	tiny	several
real	hour	example
simple	happened	against
snow	foot	usually
rain	care	