



Charleston Day School

Summer Reading 2026 Rising 4th Grade

Summer is a great time to relax, have fun, and enjoy good books.

All students should read three books from the list provided below this summer. 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. After you finish your required book and two additional books from the list, keep reading... choose from the list or pick any book from any source!

Required Book:

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

(Siblings, Evan and Jessie, start a lemonade stand war to see who can earn the most money the week before school starts.)

1. When you finish reading the book, write very brief descriptions of the main characters and key events on a notecard. Save this notecard and review it right before school starts.
2. In addition, please complete the chart provided at the end of the reading list. The chart asks you to consider Jessie and Evan's strengths and weaknesses.
3. There will be discussions relating to the book in the first weeks of your 4th grade school year.

Additional Books:

Choose two books from the attached list.

See special note with graphic novels-- only one graphic novel may be applied to summer reading.

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. The teacher will collect the list at the start of the new school year..

As with all other homework assignments in the fourth grade, you will be held responsible for your work.
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 be listed in one category.

Genre	Series	Title and Author (* * = teacher favorites)
Realistic Fiction (humorous)	X X X X X	Beatles, Lightly Toasted by Phyllis R. Naylor* * 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 Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling* * 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)
Realistic Fiction	X X X X X	Comeback Kids by Mike Lupica (series) Curtain Up by Anya Wallach and Lisa Fiedler (series)* * Destiny Rewritten by Kathryn Fitzmaurice* * Flush, Hoot, Scat, or Chomp by Carl Hiaasen (companion books) Front Desk by Kelly Yang The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes* * Mandy by Julie Edwards Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly* * The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart Summer Pony by Jean Slaughter Doty (series)* * Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes The Vanderbeekers of 141 st Street by Karina Yan Glaser (series)
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) 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* *

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Mystery	X	Ambrose Deception by Emily Ecton
	X	Belly Up and FunJungle books by Stuart Gibbes (series)
	X	Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School by Andrew Clements (series)
	X	Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman (series)
	X	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming
	X	Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon (series)
	X	The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan (39 Clues series)
	X	The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (series)
Animal (fantasy or adventure)	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
	Fantasy	X
		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	Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica George (series)	

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Historical Fiction	X X X X X X X X	All of a Kind Family by Sydney Taylor (series) * * American Girl by various authors (series) Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink Walking with Miss Millie by Tamara Bundy 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 The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia Maclachlan (series) The Wheel on the School by Meindert De Jong * * The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
Science Fiction	X X	The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Graphic Novels (only one as part of your summer reading assignment)	 X	El Deafo by Cece Bell New Kid by Jerry Craft Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson Smile by Raina Telgemeier (and others by this author) Treasure Hunters by James Patterson (series)
Biographies and Autobiographies	 X X 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 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)
Non-Fiction	X X	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

Enjoy diving into as many books as you can this summer!

Book Title	Author	Page Count
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
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Parent Signature _____

Name _____

The Lemonade War

Character Information

	Evan	Jessie
Strengths		
Weaknesses		

Think: Why should Evan and Jessie make a good team? (answer in complete sentences—do not start your sentence with because.)
