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**Suggested Summer Reading List  
for Children Entering Grade Four in 2010**

Advice on Choosing “Just Right” Books

Reading books at your child’s comfort level will support their developing reading skills. When books are too difficult, children get in the habit of skipping over words and don’t get practice with word attack skills.

Try the “THREE FINGER RULE” when your child chooses a book he/she wants to read:

1. Turn to a page in the middle of the book.
2. Have your child read aloud.
3. At each word that she/he cannot decode easily and/or doesn’t understand, put up a finger.
4. If at the end of the page, you have five fingers or more up, the book is too difficult for independent reading.

You can still get the book and read it aloud to your child, since they will benefit from listening. We encourage you to continue to read aloud to your child. They are not too old!!!!

***Some Authors to Explore***

Adler, David  
Lewis, C.S.  
Alexander, Lloyd  
Atwater, Richard and Florence  
Avi  
Babbitt, Natalie  
Baker, E.D.  
Balliet, Blue  
Blume, Judy  
Brooks, Walter  
Byars, Betsy  
Byng, Georgia  
Clements, Andrew  
Cooper, Susan  
Coville, Bruce  
Creech, Charon  
Dahl, Roald  
Danziger, Paula  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Eager, Edward  
Fitzgerald, John D.  
Funke, Cornelia  
Gantos, Jack  
George, Jean Craighead  
Haddix, Margaret  
Hannigan, Katherine  
Hesse, Karen  
Hiaasen, Carl

Hildick, E.D.  
Horvath, Polly  
Ibbotson, Eva  
Jacques, Brian  
King-Smith, Dick  
Koningsburg E.L.  
L’Engle, Madeleine  
Lowry, Lois  
MacHale, D.J.  
O’Connor, Barbara  
Riordan, Rick  
Sachar, Louis  
Scieszka, Jon  
Snicket, Lemoney  
Speare, Elizabeth George  
White, E.B.

***Exploring Non-Fiction***

Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Books  
memoirs and biographies  
Joke and riddle books



### FOURTH GRADE: SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Over two thousand years ago, there lived in Ancient Greece a great storyteller. He was a slave, and his name was Aesop (Eee-sop). The stories he told were fables. A fable is a short story that teaches a lesson. The lesson is often stated at the end of each fable and is called a moral.

We still read Aesop's fables today...in fact your town library probably has several books of his stories.

- Go to your town library or Bookstore and get a book or two of Aesop's fables.
- Read the book (s)

**WRITE A FABLE** about an experience of your own which taught you a lesson. Put your moral at the end. Bring the fable to school on the first day of school in September!

**READ** at least 4 other books over the summer. Write down the names and authors on a piece of lined paper and bring the list to school with you.

**PRACTICE** your addition and subtraction facts, so you **KNOW** them! You can practice the times tables too!

Have a great summer!

LOVE,  
Ms. Baker and Mr. Hertzberg