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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> grade! I really look forward to meeting all of you in September. In the meantime, here is what you can do to get ready.

1. Put this note a packet in a safe place till you are ready to think about school again – you all need a break first!
2. Relax and enjoy. It was quite an unusual end to the year, so take some time to enjoy some freedom from schoolwork.
3. When you are ready, practice times tables. Hopefully these were conquered in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. You should be pretty good at them by the time you come back to school. Please practice times tables up to 10. Fourth grade will be much harder in the beginning if these fall apart over the summer. If you did not master them in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, this is one of your most important jobs!
4. Read, read, read. The summer reading list is attached. Choose one of the books from the list and read it. Bring the book when you return in September and be ready to do an assignment about it during the early days back.



Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing and getting to know everyone when we return to school.

Sincerely,  
Sister Teresa

## Summer Reading for New 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

Choose a book from this list to read this summer. Bring the book when we return to school and be prepared to do an assignment on the book.

### Summer of the Sea Serpent by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie's summer vacation is no day at the beach! In the paperback edition of the 31st Magic Tree House adventure, Jack and Annie are on a quest to a seaside land of mystery and myth, where they must overcome their fears and solve an ancient riddle.



### Three Tales of My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

The classic fantasy trilogy of Elmer Elevator and the flying baby dragon has delighted children and their parents for generations. Now, on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary, Random House is proud to bring the three timeless tales together in one beautiful commemorative edition, complete with the original delightful illustrations.



### Jack: The True Story of Jack and the Beanstalk by Liesl Shurtliff

All his life, [Jack](#) has longed for an adventure, so when giants turn up in the neighbor's cabbage patch, he is thrilled! Soon Jack is chasing them to a land beyond the clouds, with his little sister, Annabella, in tow. The kingdom of giants is full of super-sized fun: puddings to swim in, spoons to use as catapults, monster toads to carry off pesky little sisters. But Jack and Annabella are on a mission. The king of the giants has taken something that belongs to them, and they'll do anything—even dive into a smelly tureen of green bean soup—to get it back.



### Frindle by Andrew Clements

From bestselling and award-winning author Andrew Clements, a quirky, [imaginative tale](#) about creative thought and the power of words that will have readers inventing their own words. Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.



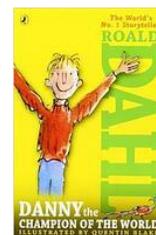
### The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.



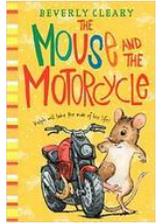
### Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

Can [Danny the Champion of the World](#) and his father outsmart the villainous Mr. Hazell? Danny has a life any boy would love—his home is a gypsy caravan, he's the youngest master car mechanic around, and his best friend is his dad, who never runs out of wonderful stories to tell. But one night Danny discovers a shocking secret that his father has kept hidden for years. Soon Danny finds himself the mastermind behind the most incredible plot ever attempted against nasty Victor Hazell, a wealthy landowner with a bad attitude. Can they pull it off? If so, Danny will truly be the champion of the world.



### **The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary**

In this [imaginative adventure](#) from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary, a young mouse named Ralph is thrown into a world of excitement when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check into the Mountain View Inn. When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith's red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Whether dodging a rowdy terrier or keeping his nosy cousins away from his new wheels, Ralph has a lot going on! With a pal like Keith always looking out for him, there's nothing this little mouse can't handle.



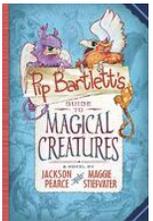
### **The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling**

John midas loves chocolate. He loves it so much that he'll eat it any hour of any day. He doesn't care if he ruins his appetite. He thinks chocolate is better than any other food! But one day, after wandering into a candy store and buying a piece of their best chocolate, John finds out that there might just be such a thing as too much chocolate...



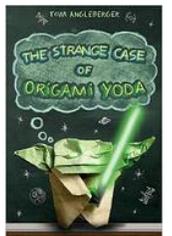
### **Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures by Maggie Stiefvater and Jackson Pearce**

Nine-year-old Pip has the unique ability to communicate with magical creatures—but no one believes her. Because of a Unicorn Incident at her school (it was an accident!), Pip is sent to spend the summer with her Aunt Emma at the Cloverton Clinic for Magical Creatures. At first, it's all fun, games, and chatting with Hobgrackles, but when Fuzzles appear and start bursting into flame at the worst possible places, Pip and her new friend Tomas must take action. Because if the mystery of the Fuzzles isn't solved soon, both magical and unmagical creatures are going to be in a lot of trouble.



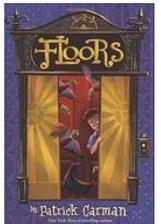
### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger**

In this funny, uncannily wise portrait of the dynamics of a sixth-grade class and of the greatness that sometimes comes in unlikely packages, Dwight, a loser, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. If that weren't strange enough, the puppet is uncannily wise and prescient. [Origami Yoda](#) predicts the date of a pop quiz, guesses who stole the classroom Shakespeare bust, and saves a classmate from popularity-crushing embarrassment with some well-timed advice. Dwight's classmate Tommy wonders how Yoda can be so smart when Dwight himself is so clueless. With contributions from his puzzled classmates, he assembles the case file that forms this novel.



### **Floors by Patrick Carman**

Charlie had his chocolate factory. Stanley Yelnats had his holes. Leo has the wacky, amazing Whippet Hotel. The [Whippet Hotel](#) is a strange place full of strange and mysterious people. Each floor has its own quirks and secrets. Leo should know most of them - he is the maintenance man's son, after all. But a whole lot more mystery gets thrown his way when a series of cryptic boxes are left for him . . . boxes that lead him to hidden floors!



### **A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd**

Midnight Gulch used to be a magical place, a town where people could sing up thunderstorms and dance up sunflowers. But that was long ago, before a curse drove the magic away. Twelve-year-old Felicity knows all about things like that; her nomadic mother is cursed with a wandering heart. Felicity wants to stay in [Midnight Gulch](#) more than anything, but first, she'll need to figure out how to bring back the magic, breaking the spell that's been cast over the town . . . and her mother's broken heart.

