



JCDSRI SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRADE 4 - 2009

Students entering the fourth grade are asked to read **3 books** over the summer. Hopefully they will read many more! Most of the listed books are available in public libraries. Students will select an assignment from the suggested assignments. The assignment is due the first week of school. Books with a ♦ are available on audiocassette or CD. More booklists are posted on our website www.jcdsri.org. Students are encouraged to use the Library Summer Reading Record and join a public library or bookstore summer reading program.

1. Choose one book from the Guided Reading Booklist
2. Choose one book from the Suggested Booklist
3. Choose your 3rd book from either the Guided Reading or Suggested Booklist
4. Do a Book Assignment on one of the 3 books you selected. Choose the assignment you would like to do. **Books not listed cannot be used. Due the first week of school.**
5. Assignment Choices: Make a Book Mobile or Book Collage. See attached directions.

BOOKLISTS - GRADE 4

1. Guided Reading Booklist (attached on bright paper) In collaboration with the Guided Reading Program, a suggested list of books that are appropriate for your child to read **independently is attached.** Your child is not required to read all the books listed. Individual lists were given in June. If you need a copy, please contact Mrs. White.

2. Suggested Booklist Students may read these or listen to the story read aloud. These lists have books at varied levels.

General Fiction

Poppy. Avi. ♦

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Baum, Frank. ♦

The Not-Just-Anybody Family. Byars, Betsey.

Frindle (or any book by Clements). Clements, Andrew. ♦

Jennifer Murdley's Toad. Coville, Bruce. ♦

The Monster's Ring (Magic Shop Books). Coville, Bruce. ♦

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Dahl, Roald. ♦

Half Magic. Eager, Edward. ♦

MVP: Magellan Voyage Project. Evans, Douglas. Adam enters the great Global game, which is a race around the world (no flying allowed) in just forty days. He competes against others for a four-million dollar prize! Trackers with blowguns and a nefarious baron don't make things easy. Great summer read

The Thief Lord. Funke, Cornelia.

Hot and Cold Summer. Hurwitz, Joanna.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat. Jonell, Lynne. Emmy Addison was perfectly happy until she became invisible. No one at school seems to know she exists. Then, she is bitten by the classroom rat and discovers that she can understand every word he says. But if the rat bites you a second time. Well read the book to find out what happens. Great Reviews ♦

Anastasia Krupnik. Lowry, Lois. ♦

Punished! (Darby Creek Exceptional Titles). Lubar, David. Logan knows he shouldn't have been playing tag in the library reference stacks, but what did the strange old man mean when he said that Logan should be punished? Suddenly, the boy starts speaking in puns really awful puns and he can't stop. He is under a curse and has three days to collect seven oxymorons, seven anagrams, and seven palindromes. Can he do it? Great Reviews ♦

The Runaway Dolls (or any book in this series). Martin, Ann. A china doll mysteriously arrives and leads Annabelle Doll and Tiffany to be trapped in a toy store. ♦

The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great (The Knights' Tales). Morris, Gerald. A version for younger readers. Great Reviews

Soup. Peck, Robert Newton. ♦

Pollyanna. Porter, Eleanor. ♦

Summer Reading Is Killing Me! (or any book in this series). Scieszka, Jon.

Loser. Spinelli, Jerry.

Ballet Shoes. Streatfeild, Noel.

Thank You Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tate, Eleanora. ♦

Castle in the Attic. Winthrop, Elizabeth. ♦

Newbery Winners

Dear Mr. Henshaw. Cleary, Beverly. ♦

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread. Dicamillo, Kate. ♦

Rabbit Hill. Lawson, Robert. ♦

The Noonday Friends. Stolz, Mary. ♦

The Trumpet of the Swan. White, E.B. ♦

Jewish

Does God Have a Big Toe? Gellman, Marc.

Zayda Was a Cowboy. Nislick, June.

Of Heroes, Hooks, and Heirlooms. Silton, Faye.

Pink Slippers, Bat Mitzvah Blues, Wolff, Ferida.

Mystery

Gregor the Overlander (Underland Chronicles). Collins, Suzanne.

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money. Curtis, Christopher. ♦

The Old Willis Place. Hahn, Mary.

The Case of the Baker Street Irregular. Newman, Robert.

Sports

S.O.R. Losers. Avi. ♦

Slam Dunk. Christopher, Matt.

Jackie & Me (Baseball Card Adventures). Gutman, Dan. ♦

The Girls Take Over. Naylor, Phyllis.

The Koufax Dilemma. Schur, Steven. **Jewish**

Short Stories

Girls to the Rescue #1 Tales from Around the World. Lansky, Bruce, Ed.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School. Sachar, Louis.

Non-Fiction

Biography/Autobiography

Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein. Delano, Marfe. **Jewish**

Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt. Fritz, Jean.

Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels, and What Their Neighbors Thought.

Krull, Kathleen. ♦

Lost Star, The Story of Amelia Earhart. Lauber, Patricia.

Harry Houdini: A Magical Life (Snapshots: Images of People and Places in History).

MacLeod, Elizabeth. **Jewish**

Rosa Parks: My Story. Parks, Rosa.

Science

Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds. Coile, Caroline.

Mistakes That Worked. Jones, Charlotte Foltz.

Currency (Inventions that Helped Shape the World). Kummer, Pat.

Coyote, North America's Dog. Swinburne, Stephen.

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women. Thimmesh, Catherine.

Fossil Fish Found Alive: Discovering the Coelacanth. Walker, Sally.

History

Who Was First?: Discovering the Americas. Freedman, Russell. ♦

I Wonder Why Columbus Crossed the Ocean: and Other Questions About Explorers.

Greenwood, Rosie.

The Discovery of the Americas. Maestro, Betsey and Giulio Maestro.

R is for Rhode Island Red: A Rhode Island Alphabet. Allio, Mark.

Go, Go America. Yaccarino, Dan.

📖 This booklist is posted on the school's web site:

www.jcdsri.org (Our School-Library)

The Summer Reading Program is coordinated by Karolyn White, librarian. You can contact Mrs. White at school 751-2470, voice mail 82, or kwhite@jcdsri.org

*This list has been sent to the following public libraries: Central and Rochambeau in Providence, Barrington, Cranston, and Pawtucket, and the following bookstores: Books on the Square, Borders in Providence and Cranston, Barnes and Noble in Warwick, and Barrington Books.

Required Book Assignments- Choose one (1)

1. Book Mobile

Title and Author

1. Write the title and author on both sides

Main Character Description

1. Clearly describe the main character on the one side. Describe their physical and emotional attitudes. What he/she looks like? How he/she acts.
2. Draw a picture of the character on the front side.

Supporting Character Description

1. Clearly describe the supporting character on the one side. Describe his/her physical and emotional attitudes. What he/she looks like? How he/she acts?
2. Draw a picture of the supporting character on the front side.

Description of the Setting

1. Clearly describe a setting of the story on one side. "Paint" a picture with your adjectives. The audience should be able to picture the setting by reading your detailed description.
2. On the other side, draw a picture of the setting you described.

Summary

1. Think about the major events of the book. Use the chapter headings as a guide.
2. In a few sentences, describe two-three major ideas, events or problems of the book.

Personal Feelings about the Characters

1. Would the characters be your friends? Why or why not?
2. Answer in complete sentences with supporting details.

Personal Recommendation

1. Would you recommend this book to a friend? (Tell if you liked or disliked the book.)
2. Answer in complete sentences with reasons to support your answer.

OR CHOOSE (next page)

2. Book Collage

- Using a poster, design a collage that represents major characters and events in the book.

-Write sentences on the collage explaining what the art represents about the story. For example, if a collage has an area that represents the sea, a few sentences are needed to explain how the sea is part of the story. "This story takes place by sea in Cape Cod. There are whales in the sea because Mike's father owns a whale watching boat."

Suggestions:

- Use pictures and words cut from magazines, Internet, photos, etc.
- Use different types of paper such as heavy weight, tissue paper, foil paper, design paper, painted paper, etc.
- Add 3-D effects with feathers, sand, beads, small toys, glitter, fake gems, small jewelry, etc.