



Summer Reading for Incoming 4th Graders!

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Title	Author	Summary
<u><i>Frindle</i></u>	Andrew Clements	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.
<u><i>Charlotte's Web</i></u>	E.B White	The tale of how a little girl named Fern, with the help of a friendly spider, saved her pig Wilbur from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.
<u><i>The Lightning Thief</i></u>	Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school... again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus' master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect.
<u><i>The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe**</i></u>	C.S. Lewis	When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy took their first steps into the world behind the magic wardrobe, little do they realize what adventures are about to unfold. And as the story of Narnia begins to unfold, so does a classic tale that has enchanted readers of all ages for over half a century.
<u><i>Box Car Children</i></u>	Gertrude Chandler Warner	The Boxcar Children tells the story of four orphaned children, Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny. They create a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar in the forest. They eventually meet their grandfather, who is a wealthy and kind man (although the children had believed him to be cruel). The children decide to live with the grandfather, who moves the beloved boxcar to his backyard so the children can use it as a playhouse.
<u><i>Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing</i></u>	Judy Blume	Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feels like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?
<u><i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i></u>	Thomas Rockwell	Alan challenges Billy to eat a worm a day for 15 days. The winner gets \$50. Tom prepares the worms in a variety of ways to make them more appetizing, using condiments such as ketchup, mustard, horseradish, and maple syrup. His parents eventually find out about the bet, but he is allowed to finish and eventually wins.

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<u><i>Wonder</i></u> **	J.R Palacio	August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.
<u><i>Hatchet</i></u>	Gary Paulsen	This is a story of thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson's survival following a plane crash. Stranded in the desolate wilderness, Brian uses his instincts and his hatchet to stay alive for fifty-four harrowing days.
<u><i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i></u>	Trenton Lee Stewart	"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" ad attracts dozens for mind-bending tests readers may try. Only two boys and two girls succeed for a secret mission, undercover and underground into hidden tunnels. At the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, the only rule is - there are no rules.
<u><i>The Cricket in Times Square</i></u>	George Selden	Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He thought he'd seen it all. But he's never met a cricket before, which really isn't surprising, because, along with his friend Harry Cat, Tucker lives in the very heart of New York City—the Times Square subway station. Chester Cricket never intended to leave his Connecticut meadow. He'd be there still if he hadn't followed the entrancing aroma of liverwurst right into someone's picnic basket. Now, like any tourist in the city, he wants to look around. And he could not have found two better guides—and friends—than Tucker and Harry. The trio has many adventures—from taking in the sights and sounds of Broadway to escaping a smoky fire.
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<u><i>Harry Potter</i></u> **	J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter has no idea how famous he is. That's because he's being raised by his miserable aunt and uncle who are terrified Harry will learn that he's really a wizard, just as his parents were. But everything changes when Harry is summoned to attend an infamous school for wizards, and he begins to discover some clues about his illustrious birthright. From the surprising way he is greeted by a lovable giant, to the unique curriculum and colorful faculty at his unusual school, Harry finds himself drawn deep inside a mystical world he never knew existed and closer to his own noble destiny.
<u><i>Amina's Voice</i></u>	Hena Khan	A satisfying read about an 11-year-old girl navigating friendship, family, religion, and dreams of becoming a soul-singing sensation. In a quiet Milwaukee suburb, Amina and her best friend Soojin grapple with their own ethnic identities and the pressure to Americanize. Things begin to unravel when Amina's uncle comes to visit from Pakistan and her deficiencies in Urdu and Arabic are exposed—along with the fact that Amina and her older brother, Mustafa, aren't necessarily the perfect children her father would like them to be. When the neighborhood mosque is vandalized, the greater community comes together. Amina's struggles to balance her faith, friendship, and aspirations are all resolved—albeit a bit too neatly.

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<u><i>Bridge to Terabithia</i></u> **	Katherine Paterson	A ten-year old boy changes when he becomes friends with a girl named Leslie. Together they build a special place called Terabithia.
<u><i>Feathers</i></u>	Jacqueline Woodson	During a winter full of surprises, good and bad, Frannie, who does not know a lot about hope, starts seeing a lot of things in a new light — her brother Sean's deafness, her mother's fear, the class bully's anger, her best friend's faith and her own desire for hope itself.
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<u><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i></u>	Scott O'Dell	This is a story of survival based on the true account of a young Indian girl who lived for 18 years on an island off the coast of California.
<u><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i></u> **	Madeleine L 'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time is the story of Meg Murry, a high-school-aged girl who is transported on an adventure through time and space with her younger brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O'Keefe to rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet.
<u><i>The View from Saturday</i></u>	E.L. Konigsburg	Four brilliant students are chosen by their teacher to compete in an academic bowl. This book shares the team's emotions, struggles and journey.
<u><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i></u>	Wilson Rawls	The author recalls his friend from the Ozarks and his proud ownership of two hounds that he trained as hunters. This is an emotional tale about the bond between a boy and his loyal pets.
<u><i>Amina's Voice</i></u>	Hena Khan	A satisfying read about an 11-year-old girl navigating friendship, family, religion, and dreams of becoming a soul-singing sensation. In a quiet Milwaukee suburb, Amina and her best friend Soojin grapple with their own ethnic identities and the pressure to Americanize. Things begin to unravel when Amina's uncle comes to visit from Pakistan and her deficiencies in Urdu and Arabic are exposed—along with the fact that Amina and her older brother, Mustafa, aren't necessarily the perfect children her father would like them to be. When the neighborhood mosque is vandalized, the greater community comes together. Amina's struggles to balance her faith, friendship, and aspirations are all resolved—albeit a bit too neatly.

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<u><i>Counting by 7s</i>**</u>	Holly Goldberg Sloan	Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now.
<u><i>Oliver Twist</i></u>	Charles Dickens	. When his mother dies in childbirth, Oliver Twist finds himself in a situation of dire poverty. At the time, those who could not afford to provide for themselves were often forced into servitude under the harsh Poor Laws of 19th century England. At the age of nine, Oliver is set to work picking and weaving oakum at the workhouse where he lives.
<u><i>Call of the Wild</i></u>	Jack London	Kidnapped from his safe California home. Thrown into a life-and-death struggle on the frozen Arctic wilderness. Half St. Bernard, half Sheppard, Buck learns many hard lessons as a sled dog.
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<u><i>Ender's Game</i> **</u>	Orson Scott Card	In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and the person he loves more than anyone else, his sister Valentine.
<u><i>A Long Walk to Water</i>**</u>	Linda Sue Park	<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.

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<u>Monster</u> **	Walter Dean Myers	Sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon can scarcely believe what has happened to him. Somehow he has ended up incarcerated in the Manhattan Juvenile Detention Center for his alleged role in the robbery of a neighborhood drugstore in which the owner of the store was killed. Now he's been charged with felony murder!
<u>The Alchemist</u>	Paul Coelho	This is a bestseller novel that is the most famous work of author Paulo Coelho. It is a symbolic story that urges its readers to follow their dreams. Originally published in Greece in 1988, The Alchemist has been translated into 67 languages, a Guinness world record for the book translated in most languages.
<u>Hobbit</u>	J.R.R. Tolkien	Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure.
<u>Animal Farm</u>	George Orwell	<i>Animal Farm</i> begins with a very drunk Mr. Jones (owner of Manor Farm) doing a really crummy job of, you know, his job. Luckily, there's a wise pig on the farm: Old Major. Old Major encourages the neglected animals to rebel and run the farm themselves with one important qualification: everyone should be equal.
<u>This Was Then, This is Now</u>	S. E Hinton	Continue celebrating 50 years of <i>The Outsiders</i> by reading this companion novel. <i>That Was Then, This is Now</i> is S. E. Hinton's moving portrait of the bond between best friends Bryon and Mark and the tensions that develop between them as they begin to grow up and grow apart.
<u>Gathering Blue</u>	Lois Lowry	Gathering Blue, the second in the Giver quartet by Lois Lowry, follows the story of Kira, an orphaned girl. In a world where physical differences are shunned and the bearers cast out, Kira finds herself alone and vulnerable when her mother suddenly dies. As her only protector, Kira's mother valiantly fought for the disabled girl's right to exist in such a harsh community. Without her, Kira has become a target of certain villagers looking to claim the land where her home once sat, even if it means expelling her from the community.

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<u><i>The Book Thief</i> **</u>	Markus Zusak	Liesel Meminger is a nine-year-old girl living in Nazi Germany in 1939. Her mother, who is a Communist, is taken away and forced to give up her two children, Liesel and her brother, Werner Meminger, for adoption. As they are on the train to Molching, Liesel's brother dies, and the narrator, Death, sees her for the first time. They dig Werner's grave by the train track. At Werner's funeral, Liesel picks up a book called <i>The Grave Digger's Handbook</i> accidentally dropped by the funeral director. Liesel is fascinated by the book, despite not being able to read nor write. She brings it with her to her new home
<u><i>Life of Pi</i></u>	Yang Martel	Pi Patel, a God-loving boy and the son of a zookeeper, has a fervent love of stories and practices and practices not only his native Hinduism, but also Christianity and Islam. When Pi is sixteen, his family and their zoo animals emigrate from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship. Alas, the ship sinks—and Pi finds himself in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and a 450 pound Bengal tiger. Can Pi's fear, knowledge, and cunning keep him alive until they do?
<u><i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i></u>	Mitch Albom	Sixteen years after his graduation from Brandeis, Mitch is feeling frustrated with the life he has chosen to live. One night, Mitch is flipping the channels on his television and recognizes Morrie's voice. Morrie is being featured on the television program "Nightline" in the first of three interviews with Ted Koppel, whom he quickly befriends. Mitch is stunned to see his former professor on television. From there, he interviews his former professor Morrie every Tuesday and learns a lot about life and himself in the process.
<u><i>The Martian Chronicles</i></u>	Ray Bradbury	A haunting collection of short stories that chronicles humankind's colonization of Mars.
<u><i>And Then there were None</i></u>	Agatha Christie	"Ten . . ."Ten strangers are lured to an isolated island mansion off the Devon coast by a mysterious "U.N. Owen." "Nine . . ."At dinner a recorded message accuses each of them in turn of having a guilty secret, and by the end of the night one of the guests is dead. "Eight . . ."Stranded by a violent storm, and haunted by a nursery rhyme counting down one by one . . . one by one they begin to die"

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<u><i>Kindred</i></u> **	Octavia Butler	Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Rufus, the white son of a plantation owner, is drowning, and Dana has been summoned to save him. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stay grows longer, more arduous, and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end, long before it has a chance to begin.
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<u><i>Wuthering Heights</i></u> **	Emily Bronte	Set amid the wild and stormy Yorkshire moors, <i>Wuthering Heights</i> , an unpolished and devastating epic of childhood playmates who grow into soul mates, is widely regarded as the most original tale of thwarted desire and heartbreak in the English language.
<u><i>Pride and Prejudice</i></u> **	Jane Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> —Austen's own 'darling child'—tells the story of fiercely independent Elizabeth Bennet, one of five sisters who must marry rich, as she confounds the arrogant, wealthy Mr. Darcy. What ensues is one of the most delightful and engrossingly readable courtships known to literature, written by a precocious Austen when she was just twenty-one years old.
<u><i>Death of a Salesman</i></u>	Arthur Miller	In the person of Willy Loman, the aging, failing salesman who makes his living riding on a smile and a shoeshine, Arthur Miller redefined the tragic hero as a man whose dreams are at once insupportably vast and dangerously insubstantial. He has given us a figure whose name has become a symbol for a kind of majestic grandiosity—and a play that compresses epic extremes of humor and anguish, promise and loss, between the four walls of an American living room.

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Summer Reading Assignments

Choose any two: They must be 2 different projects, 1 for each novel read
Due: 9/10/18

Response Projects and Requirements

1. Design and make your own t-shirt.
 - Illustrate a scene or character from the book on a t-shirt.
 - Write a short summary of the scene and explain why it is important to the story. If you choose to illustrate a character, write a description of the character and why he or she is important to the story.
 - All genres
2. Create a mobile from items related to the story.
 - Select 10 items that represent people, places, events, or other parts of the book and hang them from a hanger using string or yarn.
 - Write a key that explains each object and why you chose it.
 - All genres
3. Make two “wanted” posters for 2 characters in the book.
 - Choose 2 characters from the book for which you will make posters.
 - Research sample wanted posters. Information to include on your poster: the “crime,” physical description, where the character was last seen, and reward amount.
 - All genres
4. Make a new book jacket for the book.
 - Front cover: Draw and color an illustration for the book.
 - Inside front flap: Write descriptions of the main characters.
 - Inside back flap: Write a description of the setting and a short summary of the book.
 - Back cover: Write 5-10 quotes from the book that are important to understanding the story.
 - All genres
5. Create a collage to represent the book.
 - Your collage should have at least 10 photos or illustrations.
 - Write a key describing each item on the collage.
 - All genres
6. Write a comic book version of your book.
 - Use 8 ½ x 11 inch paper (Create the book on the full page or folded hamburger-style.)
 - Comics should be colored.
 - Fiction (Realistic, Historical); Mystery; Fantasy

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7. Create a book in bag.
 - Choose 10 items that represent people, places, events, and other parts of the book. Place them in a brown paper bag.
 - Create a label for your bag that includes the title and author.
 - Write a key describing each of the items and explain their importance to the story.
 - All genres
8. Write a letter to the author that shows your reaction to the book.
 - Include all elements of a friendly letter (date, greeting, body, closing, & signature).
 - Include:
 1. Your opinion of the book and reasons for your opinion
 2. The character in the book you are most like and why
 3. Your favorite part of the book
 4. At least 2 questions you have about the book
 - Make sure you include your home or school address in the letter.
 - Include an addressed envelope with your return address & the author's address. (Check the back of the book or author's Web site for author's address. You may also send the letter directly to the publisher, which should be on the copyright page of the book.)
 - All genres
9. Write out an interview between you and a character.
 - Write 10 questions to ask your character. Then, answer each question as you think the character would respond.
 - All genres.
10. Create a picture story for your book.
 - Rewrite the book for a Kindergarten or 1st grade audience. Use short sentences and age appropriate words so that they can read it easily. Make sure to include all major parts of the story.
 - Illustrate each page to go along with the story.
 - Fiction (Realistic, Historical); Mystery; Fantasy Create a board or card game about the book.
11. Create a board or card game about the book.
 - The game should include details about the setting, characters, and plot to show knowledge of the book.
 - Include instructions about how to play.
 - All genres
12. Write 3 diary entries that a character would write that include details about the story.
 - Diary entries should be at least 10 sentences each.
 - Diary entries can be typed or handwritten.
 - Fiction (Realistic, Historical); Mystery; Fantasy; Biography or Autobiography

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13. Create an illustrated timeline showing important events from the book.
 - Choose at least 10 important events from the story. Write a description of each event, and draw & color an illustration for each event.
 - The events must be in the order in which they occurred.
 - All genres
14. Create a diorama of a scene from the book.
 - Create a scene from the book in a shoebox.
 - Write a description of what the scene shows.
 - All genres
15. Make a map of places where the story took place.
 - The map should be colored.
 - Write a description of what each place is and why it is important.
 - All genres
16. Make 3 drawings of important scenes from the book.
 - Drawings should be colored. • Write a description of what each scene is and why it is important.
 - All genres
17. Write a letter to the main character of your book asking questions, making a complaint or a suggestion, or writing your opinion about something that happened in the story.
 - Include all elements of a friendly letter (date, greeting, body, closing, & signature).
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18. Prepare a travel brochure for a book.
 - Create a colorful brochure based on the setting of your book.
 - Give reasons people should want to visit this location.
 - Describe what occurred in this location in the book.
 - Fiction (Realistic, Historical); Mystery; Fantasy
19. Send three postcards from one of the characters to your teacher.
 - On the back of each postcard, write a short summary of an important event from the story.
 - On the front, illustrate that event.
 - Fiction (Realistic, Historical); Mystery; Fantasy
20. Write a test for the book you read.
 - Use information from the book you read to create a test that you could give other readers to check their understanding of the story.
 - The test should include matching, multiple choice, and short answer questions.
 - Vocabulary section: Use 5 words and their definitions
 - Comprehension section: Write 15 questions about the characters, events, and setting of the story.

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