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Dear Fourth Grade Families:

Your help in making summertime reading as pleasurable as possible will strengthen your child's reading skills and build a life-long connection between the feeling of comfort and relaxation and the joy of reading. In addition to browsing through the attached list of titles, you might find other suggestions from librarians, bookstore clerks, and friends. Look for the New York Times special issue of books for children (usually in June). In addition, Amazon and other on-line bookstores often provide useful reviews and comments.

Over the summer, your child should read plenty of books, and should jot down the author and title for five of them. On the first day of school, I will collect that list.

Incoming fourth graders should send three postcards, one to Mrs. Pohlchuk, one to Mrs. Hathaway and one to me. We like to hear about all sorts of summer experiences – even backyard explorations. If you are not able to find ready-made postcards, you can use materials lying about the house (cardboard, photos, heavy paper, etc.) to create your own postcard. We'll write back!

Here are your child's summer responsibilities:

- 1) Read lots of books (and record five)
- 2) Send 3 postcards

Here are the addresses for the postcards:

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With summer memories in mind,

Amanda Ackers

SUMMER READING LIST - 4TH GRADE

(Alphabetical listing by author)

Alexander, Lloyd	<i>Dream of Jade: The Emperor's Cat, Gypsy Rizka</i>
Aliki	<i>Mummies Made in Egypt</i>
Adler, David	<i>How Tall, How Short, How Far Away?</i>
Aiken, Joan	<i>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase</i>
Atwater, Richard, and Florence	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>
Banks, Lynne Reid	<i>Indian in the Cupboard, Return of the Indian</i>
Bellairs, John	<i>The House with a Clock in its Wall</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Fudge series)</i>
Brand, Christianna	<i>Nurse Matilda</i>
Bryan, Ashley	<i>Ashley Bryan African Tales, uh-huh</i>
Byars, Betsy	<i>Bingo Brown, Tornado, Beans on the Roof</i>
Colum, Padraic	<i>The Golden Fleece</i>
Cooper, Susan	<i>The Dark is Rising; Over Sea, Under Stone; The Grey King</i>
Coville, Bruce	<i>The Monster's Ring</i>
Crebbin, June	<i>Horse Tales</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>
Davies, Jacqueline	<i>The Lemonade War</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Moffats</i>
Fitzgerald, John	<i>The Great Brain</i>
Feiffer, Jules	<i>Room with a Zoo</i>
Gantos, Jack	<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>
Gardiner, John Reynolds	<i>Stone Fox</i>
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>Wind in the Willows</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Homework Machine</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>The House of Dies Drear, In the Beginning</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>The Young Hans Christian Andersen</i>
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Hoot</i>
Howe, James	<i>Bunnicula and other books</i>
Kline, Suzy	<i>Herbie Jones series</i>
Kress, Adrienne	<i>Alex and the Ironic Gentleman</i>
Langton, Jane	<i>The Fledgling</i>
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Ronia the Robber's Daughter, Pippi Longstocking</i>
Lisle, Janet Taylor	<i>The Great Dimpole Oak</i>
Lois, Lowry	<i>Gossamer</i>
Lunn, Janet	<i>Double Spell</i>
Lupica, Mike	<i>Comeback Kids Series</i>
Macaulay, David	<i>Pyramid</i>
McDonald, Megan	<i>Judy Moody books</i>
McLean, Virginia	<i>Chasing the Moon to China</i>
McCloskey, Robert	<i>Homer Price</i>
McMullen, Kate	<i>The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayers' Academy Series)</i>
Moss, Marissa	<i>My Life in Imperial Rome</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Magic Tree House (series)</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Lawn Boy</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>

Peet, Bill	<i>Bill Peet: An Autobiography</i>
Pringle, Laurence	<i>The Earth Is Flat and Other Great Mistakes</i>
Pullman, Philip	<i>Clockwork</i>
Pyle, Howard	<i>Pepper and Salt or Seasoning for Young Folk</i>
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series)</i>
Sauer, Julia	<i>Fog Magic</i>
Selden, George	<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>
Seredy, Kate	<i>The Good Master</i>
Smith, Robert Kimmel	<i>Chocolate Fever</i>
Snyder, Zilpha Keatly	<i>The Headless Cupid</i>
Speare, Elizabeth	<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>
Steele, William	<i>The Magic Amulet</i>
Sutcliff, Rosemary	<i>Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad</i>
Weston, Carol	<i>The Diary of Melanie Martin, Melanie</i>
	<i>Martin Goes Dutch</i>
Wynne-Jones, Tim	<i>Lord of the Fries: and Other Stories</i>