

June 2010

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 Mr. Cissel 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,

Barbara Bettigole

SUMMER READING LIST - 4TH GRADE

(Alphabetical listing by author)

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| 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> |
| Bellairst, John | <i>The House with a Clock in its Wall</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> |
| 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> |
| 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> |
| 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> |
| Moss, Marissa | <i>My Life in Imperial Rome</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> |
| Sauer, Julia | <i>Fog Magic</i> |
| Seredy, Kate | <i>The Good Master</i> |

Smith, Robert Kimmel
Snyder, Zilpha Keatly
Speare, Elizabeth
Steele, William
Sutcliff, Rosemary
Weston, Carol

Wynne-Jones, Tim

Chocolate Fever
The Headless Cupid
The Sign of the Beaver
The Magic Amulet
Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad
The Diary of Melanie Martin, Melanie
Martin Goes Dutch
Lord of the Fries: and Other Stories