



## Reading Assignment Summer 2024 Directions for Rising Fourth Grade Students

Dear Parents,

To ensure that students maintain the academic skills they acquired during the school year, we assign work during summer months. Summer work provides an opportunity for students to work on time management and academic skills. Scheduling work time with your child will help them reach these goals. This year we are assigning a writing journal assignment for students in grades 3-8. We feel that this will give students opportunities to practice and maintain writing skills over the summer.

This summer all rising third, fourth, and fifth grade students are required to:

1. **Read at least three books:** one required book (see below), one non-fiction book, and one book of choice. The fourth grade required book is *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davis. Students will complete an in-class project on the required book and discuss their book of choice. For their choice book students will share their favorite part and why they chose that book. We ask that students take notes (either in their books or on Post-It Notes) while they read to help them recall information. Please bring a copy of the required book to school on the first day. The in-class project and choice book sharing will both be graded.
2. Write down all books you read on the attached **Summer Reading Log**.
3. **Complete a summer writing journal with 8 entries.** See the attached sheet for directions, prompts, and a grading rubric.
4. **Please turn in your summer reading log and journal on the first day of school, Monday, August to your ELA teacher.** *In order to avoid confusion, do not hand work to your homeroom teacher.*

Please see the attached list of book suggestions. These are suggested books and series that we hope appeal to a variety of interests. We have provided classics along with more recently published books. Do not let this list limit you. Feel free to choose other books. Visit the local library now that libraries have been reopened for browsing. Thank you for your continued partnership in strengthening your child's skills and fostering a love of learning. We are looking forward to seeing what you read over the summer. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teachers

## Rising 4th Grade Summer Journal Prompts 2024

### Directions

- Choose **eight** prompts to write about this summer.
- Try to do one journal entry per week rather than write all at once.
- Please write in a composition notebook. This will become your writing journal and one of the composition books from your supply list.
- Write the date and the # of the prompt on the top line. Use a new page for each entry.
- Write a paragraph of at least 5 sentences. Do not forget to indent and proofread your writing.

1 What are your goals for the summer? Did you achieve them?	2 Write a story about kids who get trapped in a school overnight.	3 Write about something that would make school better.	4 Pretend you are a dog. Describe your day from morning until night.
5 If you had to give up all of your possessions, but could keep 3 things, what 3 things would you keep and why?	6. Write about the ways a family member makes your life better. Share this writing with that person.	7 Who do you talk to when you have a problem? How do they help?	8. Describe a time you were grateful for something a friend did for you.
9 What made you smile today?	10 What is your favorite thing to do with your family?	11 What is your favorite book? What makes it special?	12. What is your favorite place in your house? Describe it.
13 What is something hard to do, but you do it anyway?	14. Describe something beautiful you saw this summer.	15 Write a thank you note to God for the gifts He has given you.	16 Which of your five senses are you most grateful for? Why?
17 Write about a time you helped someone find something lost.	18. If you owned a restaurant, what kind of food would it serve? Describe it.	19 What would you like your teacher to know about you?	20 What is something you have done in life that has brought you the most happiness?

### Scoring Rubric

I have responded to 8 of the prompts listed in paragraph form. My paragraphs are at least five sentences (2 points each).	/ 16 points
I have used proper capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling.	/ 4 points
Total	/ 20 points



## Suggested Books for Rising Fourth Grade Students

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\*Students may read books not on this list. **You must read *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies.** You will complete a project on this book in class when we return to school. If you like this book, read other books in the series. **Please do not read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, and *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo as we will read those books in class.**

### Non-fiction

- *A History of US (Making the 13 Colonies)* by Joy Hakim
- *About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks* by Bruce Koscielniak
- *Astrophysicist and Space Advocate Neil deGrasse Tyson* by Marne Ventura
- *Beavers: The Superpower Field Guides* by Rachel Poliquin
- *Bedtime Inspirational Stories: 50 Amazing Black People Who Changed the World* by L. A. Amber
- *Black Women in Science* by Kimberly Brown Pllum
- *Cell Wars* by Francis R. Balkwill
- *Cloud Forest of New Guinea* by Sy Montgomery
- *Counting the Stars: The Story of Katherine Johnson, NASA Mathematician* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet* by Melvin Berger
- *Everything Awesome About Space and Other Galactic Facts!* by Mike Lowery
- *From an Ida to Nike: How Marketing Made Nike a Global Success* by Lowey Bundy Sichol
- *Gross as a Snot Otter: The World of Weird Animals* by Jess Keating
- *Growing Up Pedro* by Matt Taveres
- *Horses* by Seymour Simon
- *Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms* by Patricia Lauber
- *Let's Investigate Marvelously Meaningful Maps* by Madelyn Wood Carlisle
- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison
- *Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still* by Karlin Gray
- *National Geographic Kids Almanac 2020*
- *Natural Disasters* by Claire Watts and Trevor Day
- *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo* by Sy Montgomery
- *Rocket to the Moon: Big Ideas That Changed the World* by Dan Brown
- *Sacajawea* by Joyce Milton
- *On Board the Titanic: What It Was Like When the Great Liner Sank* by Shelley Tanaka
- *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming* by Laurie David and Cambria Gordon
- *The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome* by Jonathan Stokes
- *The Trail of Tears* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Toys!: Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions* by Don Wulffson
- *Volcanoes* by Simon Seymour
- *Weird but True! Greek Mythology* by Sarah Wassner Flynn
- *50 Fearless Women Who Made American History* by Jenifer Bazzit
- *51 Black Heroes: 51 Inspiring People from Ancient Africa to Modern Day USA* by Arlisha Norwood

## Fiction

- *A Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden
- *Allergic*, a graphic novel by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
- *Any Day with You* by Mae Respicio
- *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Bunnicula* by James Howe
- *Chomp* by Carl Hiaason
- *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone
- *Drita My Homegirl* by Jenny Lombard
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Finding Langston* by Leesa Cline-Ransom
- *Focused* by Allison Gerber
- *Fortunately, The Milk* by Neil Gaiman
- *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh
- *How to Win a Slime War* by Mae Respicio
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- *John Lincoln Clem, Civil War Drummer Boy* by E. F. Abbott
- *Keeping Score* by Linda Sue Park
- *Kickoff!* by Tiki Barber
- *Love Amalia* by Alma Flor Ada
- *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements
- *Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business* by Lyla Lee
- *Nim's Island* by Wendy Or
- *Odd, Weird & Little* by Patrick Jennings
- *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren
- *Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park
- *Poppy* by Avi
- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr
- *Scurry* by Mac Smith
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume
- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- *The Big Wave* by Pearl S. Buck
- *The Boy on the Porch* by Sharon Creech
- *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
- *The Ear, the Eye & the Arm* by Nancy Farmer
- *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *The Kicks Sabotage Season* by Alex Morgan
- *The Million Dollar Shot* by Dan Gutman
- *The Report Card and The School Story* by Andrew Clements
- *The Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*, by E. F. Abbott
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Li
- *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

## Popular Series

- *American Girl* mysteries and historical fiction by various authors
- *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer
- *Belly Up* series by Stuart Gibbs
- *Ben Yokoyama, Cookie Chronicles* by Ben Swanson
- *Big Nate* series by Lincoln Peirce
- *Castle Glower and Dragon Slippers* series by Jessica Day George
- *Comeback Kids* by Mike Lupica
- *Dear America* by various authors
- *Escape from a Video Game or Trapped in a Video Game*, series by Dustin Brady
- *Hero* series by Jennifer Li Shotz
- *I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Nikki DeJa*, series by Karen English
- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series by Rick Riordan
- *Ramona Quimby* series by Beverly Cleary
- *Sarai* series by Sarai Gonzalez and Monica Brown
- *Shiloh* series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar
- *Something Wickedly Weird* series by Chris Mould
- *Spaced Out* series by Stuart Gibbs
- *Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
- *Star Scouts* series by Mike Lawrence
- *Stella Diaz*, series by Angela Dominguez
- *Survivor Scouts* series by Terry Lynn Johnson
- *Time Twisters*, series by Steve Sheinkin
- *Treasure Hunters* by James Patterson
- *The Land of Stories* series by Chris Clopher
- *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett
- *The Treehouse Books* series by Terry Denton
- *The Year of the \_\_\_\_\_*, series by Andrea Cheng
- *Tuesdays at the Castle* series by Jessica Day George