

# 4TH GRADE SUMMER READING

Dear Parents,

Another school year is ending and the long days of summer lie ahead. Even though leisure time activities start to take precedence over academic endeavors, I would like to encourage you to keep reading high on your child's list of summer activities. It really is true that readers are leaders. Just like other skills your children are learning, such as how to hit a baseball or play the piano, reading needs to be practiced every day to maintain and strengthen skills.

There is an extensive body of research that tells us that academic achievement is directly related to how much time children spend reading outside of school. This is in large part due to the fact that reading builds vocabulary and background knowledge. Educators are concerned about summer reading loss or "summer slide" that takes place when children don't read over the summer. It may take a month or two for students who did not read over the summer months to get back to the level at which they were reading at the end of the previous year. While missing out on reading for one or two months may not seem like much, when it happens year after year, the effect can be very detrimental. The fourth grade team has come up with great fiction authors for students to enjoy this summer. We also added nonfiction options too. We want students to read one fiction and one nonfiction chapter book this summer. The first week of 4th grade students will do a project over their reading choices that will be an assessment grade. If you have any questions or concerns please email the 4th grade team: [hdrewery@dhca.org](mailto:hdrewery@dhca.org) OR [echenault@dhca.org](mailto:echenault@dhca.org)

Kind Regards,

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YOU MUST READ ONE FICTION CHAPTER BOOK AND ONE NONFICTION CHAPTER BOOK

You may choose any fiction chapter book from these authors:

- Kate DiCamillo
- Andrew Clements
- Judy Blume

You may choose from these nonfiction options:

- “The Watsons Go to Birmingham” by Christopher Paul Curtis
- “I Survived” series
- “Who Was” series
- If you are interested in a nonfiction chapter book that is not listed you are welcome to choose that as your summer reading.

## Introduce Yourself

- Reading and writing go hand-in-hand! Please write a detailed letter introducing yourself to your future 4th grade teacher. We cannot wait to read all the unique things that make up YOU!

