

Providence Academy Summer 2016 Reading! For Students Entering Grades 4

*Books are listed in alphabetical order by author. If you would like more information about a certain title check out the brief summaries on the following pages.

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Summer Reading Tips For Parents

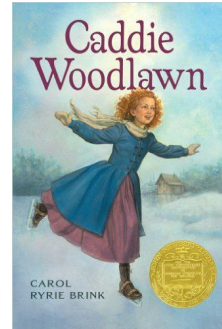
- **Read aloud with your child everyday!**
 - Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park.
 - Take turns reading aloud.
- **Summer book club with your child.**
 - Have your child pick the book that you both read.
 - After each chapter, discuss the book.
 - At the end of the book, do an activity together that relates to the book.
- **Trips to the public library to explore the variety of books available.**
- **Set a good example.**
 - Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off all screens and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.
- **Listen to audio books as a family at home or in the car.**

4th Grade Summer Reading List

This list is a starting point for summer reading ideas. Parents are encouraged to preview all reading materials prior to their child experiencing the text.

Caddie Lawn

By: Carol Ryrie Brink
Genre: Historical Fiction
Recommended Content Age: 8-12
Number of pages: 288
Paperback: Yes
Hardcover: Yes
Audiobook: Yes
Kindle: Yes



Caddie Woodlawn is a real adventurer. She'd rather hunt than sew and plow than bake, and tries to beat her brother's dares every chance she gets. Caddie is friends with Indians, who scare most of the neighbors -- neighbors who, like her mother and sisters, don't understand her at all.

Caddie is brave, and her story is special because it's based on the life and memories of Carol Ryrie Brink's grandmother, the real Caddie Woodlawn. Her spirit and sense of fun have made this book a classic that readers have taken to their hearts.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

By: Kate DiCamillo
Genre: Fantasy
Recommended Content Age: 9+
Number of Pages: 224
Paperback: Yes
Hardcover: Yes
Audiobook: Yes
Kindle: Yes



Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely.

And then, one day, he was lost.

Kate DiCamillo and Bagram Ibatoulline take us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the top of a garbage heap to the fireside of a hobies' camp, from the bedside of an ailing child to the streets of Memphis. And along the way, we are shown a true miracle; that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

4th Grade Summer Reading List

The Kid Who Ran for President

By: Dan Gutman

Genre: Fiction

Recommended Content Age: 9+

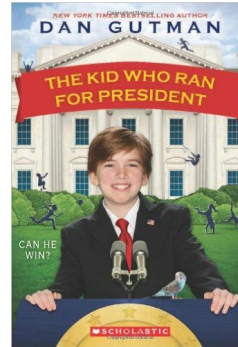
Number of Pages: 176

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: No

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



"Hi! My name is Judson Moon. I'm twelve years old and I'm running for President of the YOU-nited States."

That's how I introduced myself to about a zillion people. I must have kissed a zillion babies, said a zillion hellos, shaken a zillion hands . . . Will I get a zillion votes? The answer might surprise you.

Can you picture a kid as President? Imagine what we can accomplish -- together -- in a country where parents listen. Where teachers give no homework. Where every lawmaker obeys a single kid -- me! How am I going to pull this off? Who knows! Read the book to find out.

The Year of Billy Miller

By: Kevin Henkes

Genre: Fiction

Recommended Content Age: 8+

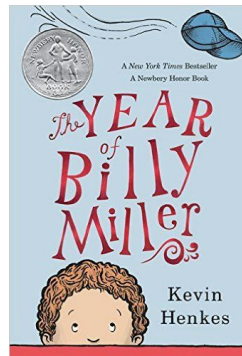
Number of Pages: 240

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: No

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



The *New York Times* declared: "Henkes's delightful story is restrained and vivid . . . forgoing the overdramatic or zany, it shows the substance, warmth and adaptability of beautifully common family love." When Billy Miller has a mishap at the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he ends up with a big lump on his head. What a way to start school, with a lump on your head! As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his busy working mom and stay-at-home dad. Newbery Honor author and Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes delivers a short, satisfying, laugh-out-loud-funny school and family story that features a diorama homework assignment, a school poetry slam, cancelled sleepovers, and epic sibling temper tantrums. This is a perfect short novel for summer!

4th Grade Summer Reading List

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

By: C.S. Lewis

Genre: Fantasy

Recommended Content Age: 9+

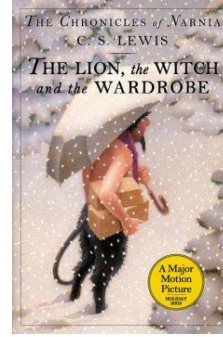
Number of Pages: 224

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

By: Grace Lin

Genre: Fantasy

Recommended Content Age: 9+

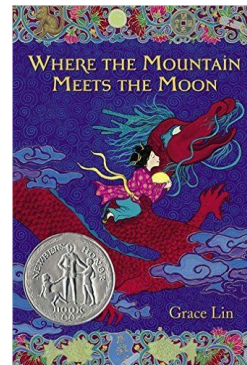
Number of Page: 304

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: No

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer.

4th Grade Summer Reading List

The Doll People

By Ann Martin

Genre: Fiction

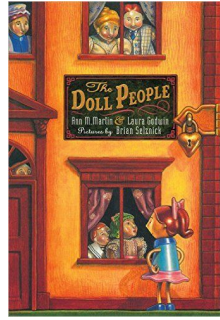
Recommended Content Age: 8+

Number of Pages: 288

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes



Annabelle Doll is eight years old-she has been for more than a hundred years. Not a lot has happened to her, cooped up in the dollhouse, with the same doll family, day after day, year after year. . . until one day the Funcrafts move in.

Rascal

By: Sterling Norrth

Genre: Fiction

Recommended Content Age: 9+

Number of Pages: 192

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



Rascal is only a baby when young Sterling brings him home. He and the mischievous raccoon are best friends for a perfect year of adventure until the spring day when everything suddenly changes.

The Borrowers

By: Mary Norton

Genre: Fantasy

Recommended Content Age: 8+

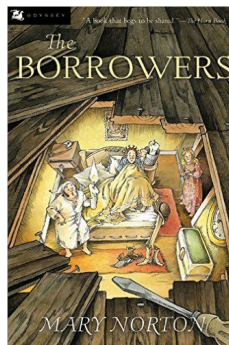
Number of Pages: 192

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes

Kindle: Yes



The Borrowers—the Clock family: Homily, Pod, and their fourteen-year-old daughter, Arrietty, to be precise—are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor. All their minuscule home furnishings, from postage stamp paintings to champagne cork chairs, are “borrowed” from the “human beans” who tromp around loudly above them. All is well until Pod is spotted upstairs by a human boy! Can the Clocks stay nested safely in their beloved hidden home, or will they be forced to flee?

4th Grade Summer Reading List

The Great Gilly Hopkins

By: Katherine Paterson

Genre: Fiction

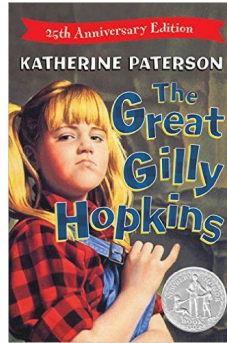
Recommended Content Age: 10+

Number of Pages: 160

Paperback: Yes

Hardcover: Yes

Audiobook: Yes



Eleven-year-old Gilly has been stuck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's disliked them all. She has a county-wide reputation for being brash, brilliant, and completely unmanageable. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters -- by far the strangest family yet -- Gilly decides to put her sharp mind to work. Before long she's devised an elaborate scheme to get her real mother to come rescue her.

But the rescue doesn't work out, and the great Gilly Hopkins is left thinking that maybe life with the Trotters wasn't so bad ...

Resources

*Annotations for the books in this list are from the book jackets written by the publisher.

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