



Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 4



Students are required to read two books and complete two responses over the summer, yet we encourage your child to read more books. The two responses will be collected in the first week of school, and will be counted toward their 1st quarter reading grade. The book response form is attached to this list. Books highlighted in yellow are books that emphasize honor and/or the virtues. RC stands for the Reading Counts level.

Choose TWO books from the following list:

Mother Teresa – Demi

A Taste of Blackberries – Dori Buchanan Smith (RC 3.2)

Fish in a Tree – Lynda Mullaly Hunt (RC 3.2)

**The One and Only Ivan* – Katherine Applegate (RC 3.3)

**The Thing about Georgie: A Novel* – Lisa Graff (RC 3.8)

Lady Liberty: A Biography – Doreen Rappaport (RC 3.6)

The Gold Cadillac – Mildred D. Taylor (RC 4.2)

**Skinnybones*— Barbara Park (RC 4.3)

Fourth Grade Rats – Jerry Spinelli (RC 4.3)

Rain Reign- Ann Martin (RC 4.4)

A Dog's Life – Ann Martin (RC 4.6)

Shouldn't You Be In School? – Lemony Snicket (RC 4.6)

Princess Academy – Shannon Hale (RC 4.8)

The Boys Start the War – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (RC 4.8)

Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest – Steve Jenkins (RC 4.9)

**Dragon Rider* – Cornelia Funke (RC 4.9)

**Sideways Stories from Wayside School* – Louis Sachar (RC 4.9)

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* – Judy Blume (RC 4.9)

Don't Know Much about the 50 States – Kenneth Davis (RC 4.9)

The Story of Dr. Doolittle- Hugh Lofting (RC 5.1)

Trumpet of the Swan – E.B. White (RC 5.1)

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key – Jack Gantos (RC 5.2)

The Best School Year Ever – Barbara Robinson (RC 5.4)

A Piece of Heaven – Sharon Dennis Wyeth (RC 5.5)

The Secret of Nimh- Robert O'Brien (RC 5.5)

On My Honor – Marion Dane Bauer (RC 5.6)

Oggie Cooder – Weeks (RC 5.7)

****Shiloh – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*** (RC 5.7)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – Ian Fleming (RC 5.8)

Poppy – Avi (RC 5.8)

The Saturdays – Elizabeth Enright (RC 5.8)

**Time for Andrew* – Mary Downing Hahn (RC 5.9)

The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynn Reid Banks (RC 5.9)

America's Paul Revere – Esther Forbes (RC 6.4)

A Journey to the New World: A Diary of Remember Patience Whipple, Mayflower, 1620 – Kathryn Lasky (RC 6.5)

Book Series:

Baseball Card Adventure (series) – Dan Gutman

Clarice Bean (series) – Lauren Child

Guardians of Ga'hoole (series) – Kathryn Lasky (4.4 -5.5)

The Mysterious Benedict Society- Trenton Lee Stewart (RC 6.3)

Any American Girls' Collection

Any Andrew Clements Book

Any Matt Christopher Book

Note to Parents: Books with an asterisk (*) are on the Battle of the Books List.

**Holy Spirit Preparatory School
Summer Reading Book Response
Grade 4**

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Book title: _____

Author: _____

Choose two of the following questions to answer. Please either write a response using **lined** paper or type your response. You must have a full paragraph response to **each** question you choose to answer. (Make sure you complete **two response questions** for **each** book you read!)

- **What do you wish happened in the book?**
 - What would you change if you rewrote this book? What do think would have made it a better story?

- **Write a recommendation of this book.**
 - Be sure to include **why** you are recommending this book.

- **Are there things you know about or things in your life that helped you to understand this book?**
 - What experiences or knowledge helped you? How did that help you?

- **What do you think this story, all together, is trying to tell people?**
 - What is the author's message or reason for writing this book?