

# Summer Reading

2019

Upcoming Fourth Graders

To the parents of upcoming **FOURTH GRADERS**:

The following is a list of selected books for your child to read before the onset of school in the fall. He/she will be required to read *three* books from **Part 1** and complete the project explained in **Part 2** for only *one* book. By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level. Students may test on Accelerated Reader in the fall. Accelerated Reader points will be collected through the year and Fourth Grade students will be expected to earn a certain amount of points.

## **Part 1: Select *three* books from the list below:**

### 🔑 **Love That Dog** by Sharon Creech

Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher, Ms. Stretchberry, won't stop giving her class poetry assignments -- and Jack can't avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say.

### 🔑 **Boy** by Roald Dahl.

Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his envious position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Dahl's boyhood was as full of excitement and the unexpected as are his world-famous, bestselling books.

### 🔑 **The Enormous Crocodile** by Roald Dahl

The Enormous Crocodile is a horrid greedy grumpy brute who loves to guzzle up little boys and girls. The other animals have had enough of his cunning tricks, so they scheme to get the better of this foul fiend, once and for all!

### 🔑 **Who was Roald Dahl?** by True Kelley

Roald Dahl is one of the most famous children's book authors ever. Now in this *Who Was . . . ?* biography, children will learn of his real-life adventures.

### 🔑 **Pippi Longstocking** by Astrid Lindgren

Tommy and Annika have a new neighbor: red-haired, freckle-faced Pippi Longstocking, who has upside-down braids and no parents to tell her what to do. The three children have the most rollicking adventures on their own, with horses and monkeys, the circus, and more!

### 🔑 **The Iron Trial** by Holly Black

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future. The Iron Trial is just the beginning, for the biggest test is still to come . . .

### 🔑 **The Secret of Platform 13** by Eva Ibbotson

A forgotten door on an abandoned railway platform is the entrance to a magical kingdom--an island where humans live happily with mermaids, ogres, and other wonderful creatures. Carefully hidden from the world, the Island is only accessible when the door opens for nine days every nine years. When the beastly Mrs. Trottle kidnaps the Island's young prince, it's up to a strange band of rescuers to save him.

### 🔑 **D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths** by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaires

Mighty Zeus, with his fistful of thunderbolts; mischievous little Hermes; grey-eyed Athena, goddess of wisdom; Asclepius, the first physician; Helios the sun, crossing the heavens in his fiery chariot.... these and other equally fabulous figures are featured here with their heroic deeds and petty squabbles illuminated in full dimension.

### 🔑 **Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker.

**Part 2:** From the three books you selected, please complete the following assignments for just **ONE** of the books:

- Write a one page summary.
- Write one paragraph explaining why you liked the book and would recommend it.
- Draw an illustration related to the story.

**Cushman wishes you a happy summer filled with reading and relaxing!**



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