



# Fourth Grade Summer Reading List 2022

Welcome to incoming fourth-grade students! This year you will be reading over the summer to help prepare you for the upcoming school year!

See assignment information in your Summer Google Classroom -- Class Code: **ux6zp2q**

Every incoming fourth-grade student is **\*\* required to read the following two books:**

☐ **\*\* *Who Was Thomas Alva Edison?* by [Margaret Frith](#)** Nonfiction/ Biography

This book overviews the life of one of the most famous "New Jerseyans", Thomas Edison. The electric light bulb was only one of the thousands of Edison's inventions, which include the phonograph and the kinoscope. As a boy, observing a robin catch a worm and then take flight, he fed a playmate a mixture of worms and water to see if she could fly!

☐ **\*\* *Because of Winn-Dixie* by [Kate DiCamillo](#)** Realistic Fiction/Newbery Honor

The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket and comes out with a dog. A big, ugly, suffering dog with a sterling sense of humor. A dog she dubs Winn-Dixie. But because of Winn-Dixie or perhaps because she has grown, Opal learns to let go, just a little, and that friendship and forgiveness can sneak up on you like a sudden summer storm (Kate DiCamillo).

**Additional Choice Titles:** Have you read these popular titles that some of your friends are reading? If you haven't, maybe you want to try one of these as an additional summer choice book. For more information, click on the author's name, or book trailer if available.

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by [Chris Grabenstein](#)** Adventure/Series  
A fun mystery about kids locked in a library by a wacky genius.

***Bob* by [Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead](#)** Fantasy  
Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead, two masterminds of classic, middle-grade fiction come together to craft this magical story about the enduring power of friendship. "**Pure enchantment**" —*The New York Times* check out the [Book Trailer](#) (an adorable childhood fantasy)

***The Harry Potter Series* By JK Rowling [Harry Potter At Home](#)** Fantasy Series  
We have all heard of Harry Potter but have you read it?

***The Land of Stories* by [Chris Colfer](#)** Fantasy Series  
Captivating, imaginative story of kids in a fairy-tale world.

***Hoot* by [Carl Hiaasen](#)** Mystery/Suspense/Newbery Honor  
In his first novel for a younger audience, Carl Hiaasen (Basket Case, etc.) plunges readers right into the middle of an ecological mystery.

**The One and Only Ivan** by [Katherine Applegate](#) Newbery Medal Winner/Fiction/Animals  
Winner of the Newbery Medal and a #1 *New York Times* bestseller! If you haven't read this yet, do it now! The movie is available on Disney + and the sequel, **The One and Only Bob** was released in May of 2020. So, why not read that too? Or any of Katherine Applegate's amazing titles.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by [Judy Blume](#) Realistic Fiction  
Or any Judy Blume book you think you might enjoy.

**Frindle** by [Andrew Clements](#) Realistic Fiction  
Or any book by Andrew Clements such as; **The Losers Club** or **The Friendship War**

**The Wild Robot** by [Peter Brown](#) Science Fiction/Series  
When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings?

**The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend** By [Sharon Robinson](#)  
Sports

#### Graphic Novels:

**Phoebe and Her Unicorn** by [Dana Simpson](#),

**El Deafo** by [CeCe Bell](#),

**Real Friends** by [Shannon Hale](#)

**Click** By [Kayla Miller](#)

**The Last Kids on Earth Series** by [Max Brallier](#)

Some additional suggestions:

**The Spiderwick Chronicles** by [Tony DiTerlizzi](#),

**Earthquake Terror** by [Peg Kehret](#),

**The Cricket in Times Square** by [George Selden](#) Newbery Honor Book

**Belly Up** by [Stuart Gibbs](#),

**Dirt** by [Denise Gosliner Orenstein](#),

**The Lemonade War** by [Jacqueline Davies](#)


Happy Reading from the Fourth-Grade Team and Mrs. Z. (Gould School Librarian)

Note to parents:

Are you looking for some advice/recommendations? [Kirkus Review](#), [Common Sense Media](#), [Goodreads](#)

YOU CAN FIND THESE BOOKS AT YOUR LIBRARY, A LOCAL BOOKSTORE, AT AMAZON.COM OR PURCHASE AND READ THEM ON YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICE. ENJOY!

## Optional Summer Reading Bingo

Read for 20 minutes	Read a fiction book	Read by a flashlight	Go outside and read	Read a non-fiction book
Read with a friend or relative	Read a poem	Read a graphic novel	Read in your favorite spot	Read a book with no pictures
Read in your pajamas	Read at the beach/pool		Read for 30 minutes	Read an article or magazine
Read a Chapter book	Make a fort and read in it	Read under a tree	Read for as long as you like	Read 2 books from the same author
Read a book that has won an award	Read for 10 minutes	Read before bed	Read aloud	Read in the morning