

St. John's Episcopal School 4th Grade Summer Reading 2020

During the summer, each 4th grade student is required to read the following book:

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.

Paperback copies are widely available for each of these titles or electronic versions are available through Amazon or iBooks. We will be using this book for our first unit of study in the fall, so you may want to read it close to the beginning of school. You will also select additional reading choices so that the total summer reading (**not** including the required book) equals a **minimum of 250 pages**. Of course, you may read more! For your convenience, I have included a list of titles suggested by our librarian, Ms. Powers. You are not limited to books from the list.

On the first day of school, you will turn in a complete log of books read over the summer.

Please use the attached form for your reading log.

Choose **one** favorite book from your summer reading (other than the required reading) and be prepared to discuss your choice with your classmates during the first week of school. The idea will be to share a wonderful reading experience and try to get your classmates excited about reading a book that you enjoyed. *No project is required.*

The most important thing is to read, read, read! Enjoy the time you spend reading and enjoy your summer! I am looking forward to sharing your 4th grade year with you!

Happy Reading,
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2020 SUMMER READING LOG – 4th GRADE

Date	Title of Book	# of Pages	Did you like this book? What was your favorite part?	Parent's initials

Each student should read a minimum of 250 pages of text. ENJOY!

4th Grade Suggested Summer Reading 2020

These are **optional** titles selected by our librarian, Ms. Powers, to help you reach your **required minimum of 250 pages of reading** (not including the required book) this summer.

Alexander, Kwame. ***The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life.*** (Nonfiction)

Kwame Alexander shares poetry and inspiring lessons about the rules of life, as well as uplifting quotes from athletes such as Stephen Curry and Venus Williams and other exemplars like Sonia Sotomayor and Michelle Obama in this motivational and inspirational book just right for students of any age and anyone needing a little encouragement.

Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan.*** (Chapter Book)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Bob.*** (Chapter Book)

Return to the unforgettable world of the Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling novel ***The One and Only Ivan*** in this incredible sequel, starring Ivan's friend Bob! Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby.

Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster.*** (Chapter Book)

In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem—a mysterious creature made from soot and ash.

Barnett, Mac. ***The Terrible Two.*** (Chapter Book (first in series))

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

Birdsall, Jeanne. ***The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy.*** (Chapter Book (first in series))

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. ***Frankie Sparks and the Talent Show Trick.*** (Chapter Book (second in series))

It's time for the annual school talent show, and Frankie is excited to audition with her magic act! She wants to be just like her idol, Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic. But on the day of the audition, Frankie's best friend and Magician's Assistant, Maya, gets a big, scary case of stage fright! How can Maya be Frankie's helper on stage if she can't bring herself to speak in front of their audience? It's up to Frankie Sparks to invent just the perfect thing to help her best friend cope with the spotlight!

Blume, Judy. ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.*** (Chapter Book (first in series))

Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here!

Brown, Dan. ***Rocket to the Moon!*** (Nonfiction Graphic Novel)

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” when the Apollo 11 landed on the moon. But it wasn’t just one man who got us to the moon. *Rocket to the Moon!* explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible.

Burnett, Frances. ***The Secret Garden***. (Chapter Book)

A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Craft, Jerry. ***New Kid***. (Graphic Novel)

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War***. (Chapter Book)

The summer before starting 4th grade, Evan finds out that his younger sister has skipped 3rd grade; they will now be starting 4th grade together. Catastrophe! Thus starts the lemonade war as each sibling tries to out-sell the other and prove they belong in 4th grade the most.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread***. (Chapter Book)

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

George, Jessica Day. ***Tuesdays at the Castle***. (Chapter Book (first in series))

Princess Celie loves Tuesdays at Castle Glower, because every Tuesday the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes a whole new wing, and Celie likes to map the changes to the castle, but when her parents, King and Queen Glower, are taken captive, it falls to Celie and her knowledge of the castle to defend their home and save the kingdom.

Grabenstein, Chris. ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library***. (Chapter Book (first in series))

Class clown and game lover Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that, come morning, he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Hale, Nathan. ***Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Alamo All-Stars***. (Graphic Novel)

Hale relays the facts, politics, military actions, and prominent personalities that defined the Texas Revolution in factual yet humorous scenes that will capture the attention of reluctant readers and fans of history alike.

Keller, Tae. ***When You Trap a Tiger***. (Chapter Book)

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem!

Khan, Hena. ***Amina's Voice***. (Chapter Book)

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.

Law, Ingrid. ***Savvy***. (Chapter Book)

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Parry, Roseanne. ***A Wolf Called Wander***. (Chapter Book)

A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys one thousand miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home. Based on the true story of a wolf called OR-7.

Pyron, Bobbie. ***Stay***. (Chapter Book)

Piper's life is turned upside down when her family moves into a shelter in a whole new city. But while Hope House offers her new challenges, it also brings new friendships, like the girls in Firefly Girls Troop 423 and a sweet street dog named Baby. So when Baby's person goes missing, Piper knows she has to help. But helping means finding the courage to trust herself and her new friends, no matter what anyone says about them, before Baby gets taken away for good.

Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin***. (Chapter Book)

Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.

Sichol, Lowey Bundy. ***From Idea to Disney***. (Nonfiction)

Today, the Walt Disney Company is the biggest entertainment company in the world with theme parks, TV shows, movie studios, merchandise, the most recognizable cartoon character in the world, Mickey Mouse. But a long time ago, brothers Walt and Roy Disney started out with just an idea.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Mysterious Benedict Society***. (Chapter Book (first in series))

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Yang, Kelly. ***Front Desk***. (Chapter Book)

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them. While her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.