



Saint Bridget School

2018

Dear Rising Fourth Graders,

Moving to fourth grade is a big step and we can't wait to see you in August! We know how hard you worked all year to make great progress in reading and it's important to keep that effort going over the summer. Don't forget to visit your local library to select new and exciting books.

This summer you will build a tower of books. Your goal is to reach the top of the tower before returning to school in August. It only takes 10 books to get to the top! You will have one required book, along with a variety of choices. We have attached a suggested reading list, but feel free to read any book of your choice! After you read your books, please fill out your tower and bring it on the first day of school. We challenge you to see if you can build more than one tower over the summer!

We can't wait to see you in August! Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teachers

Tower of Books Challenge

Required: Choose one of the following that you have not read:

- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Earthquake Terror, Searching for Candlestick Park by Peg Kehret
- The Candymakers by Wendy Mass
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Your first tower should contain the following: (all other towers are your choice!)

- 2 picture books by the same author
- 1 Fairy Tale
- 1 Mystery
- 2 Magazine Articles
- 1 Biography
- 1 Choice Chapter Book
- 1 Required book from above

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Summer Reading Recommendations

Below you will find a list of **recommended titles** that your child may enjoy this summer. We realize that students are reading at different levels as they enter fourth grade, therefore the list below includes titles at a variety of reading levels. While not required, we encourage you to use the list as a resource to find books that allow your child to enjoy reading independently or together with you.

Avi - ***Who Stole the Wizard of Oz, Poppy, The Secret School***
Banks, Lynne Reid - ***The Indian in the Cupboard***
Barrows, Maggie - ***The Magic Half***
Birdsall, Jeanne - ***The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale and sequels***
Blume, Judy - ***Freckle Juice***
Borgenicht, David - ***The Worst-Case Scenario Ultimate Adventure: Everest***
Bunting, Eve - ***The Summer of Riley***
Buyea, Robert - ***Because of Mr. Terupt***
Cleary, Beverly - ***Ramona Quimby, Age 8; Ramona, Forever, Ramona's World, Dear Mr. Henshaw***
Clements, Andrew - ***Frindle, School Story, The Report Card, Lost and Found***
Cox, Judy, - ***That Crazy Eddie and the Science Project of Doom***
Dahl, Roald - ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach***
Dahlberg, Maurine - ***The Story of Jonas***
Dale, Anna - ***Spellbound***
Davies, Jacqueline - ***The Lemonade War and sequels***
Fleischman, Sid - ***The 13th Floor - A Ghost Story***
Fleming, Candace - ***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School***
George, Jean Craighead - ***My Side of the Mountain***
Gidwitz, Adam - ***A Tale Dark and Grimm and sequels***
Greenwood, Barbara - ***The Last Safe House***
Gutman, Dan - ***The Get Rich Quick Club, The Homework Machine, The Million Dollar Strike***
Haddix, Margaret Peterson - ***Among the Hidden and sequels***
Kongisburg, E.L. - ***From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler***
Levine, Gail - ***Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg***
Lisle, Janet - ***Afternoon of the Elves***
Lowry, Lois - ***Stay: Keeper's Story***
Markey, Kevin - ***The Super Sluggers: Slumpbuster, Super Sluggers: Wallball***
McKissack, Patricia - ***Abby Takes a Stand, A Song for Harlem***

Naylor, Phyllis - ***Shiloh, Grand Escape and sequel***
Paterson, Katherine – ***Bridge to Terabithia***
Sachar, Louis – ***Holes and sequel***
Selden, George – ***A Cricket in Times Square***
Selznick, Brian- ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret***
Sleator, William - ***Into the Dream***
Smith, Alexander - ***The Five Lost Aunts of Harriet Bean***
Taylor, Theodore - ***The Trouble with Tuck***
Voigt, Cynthia -***Angus and Sadie***