

SUMMER READING FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 4th GRADE

Students entering 4th grade are encouraged to read on a daily basis. Parents might find it helpful to schedule a regular time every day when all family members have time for reading, prayer and devotions. Plan a specific number of minutes or pages per day.

All summer reading books should be at a reading level appropriate for the student. Where available, lexile scores have been provided to help you with this. Your child should read in a range from 100 less to 50 more than the lexile score shown on this year's SAT results.

The Requirements:

1. All students should have a library card in their own name from their local library.
2. Read the book, The Sign of the Beaver, by Elizabeth George Speare. After finishing the book, complete the *Sign of the Beaver* Assignment (separate page).
3. Read the book, The Mayflower Secret (William Bradford) by Dave and Neta Jackson (#26 of the Trailblazer Series). This historical fiction book tells the tale of the voyage on the Mayflower from the perspective of a 13 year old girl. After finishing the book, complete the attached book report form.
4. In addition to the 2 assigned books, students need to read at least **2 more** of the books listed on the reverse side.
5. The assigned summer reading should be returned to school with the student in the fall. **The reports will be their first reading grades of the year.**
6. In addition to the summer work, we will be doing activities with the assigned books during the first semester.

Turn over →

4th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Fiction/Historical Fiction

<u>Lexile</u>	<u>Title of Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
470	Skylark	Patricia MacLachian
560	Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachian
560	Sybil Ludington's Midnight Ride	Marsha Amstel
570	Orphan Journey Home	Liza Ketchum
610	Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh
630	Twenty and Ten	Claire Hutchet Bishop
650	Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
720	Spirit of the West	Jahnna N. Malcolm
740	Toliver's Secret	Esther Wood Brady
750	Journey to America	Sonia Levitin
760	Sarah Bishop	Scott O'Dell
770	Trouble River	Betsy Byars
960	A Gathering of Days	Joan W. Blos
	The Sign Painter's Secret	Dorothy & Thomas Hoobler
	The Star Spangled Secret	K.M. Kimball
	Kate and the Spies	JoAnn Grote
	A Message for George Washington	Schurfranz
	Tanglewoods Secret	Patricia St. John
	Treasures in the Snow	Patricia St. John
	Rainbow Garden	Patricia St. John

Biography

<u>Lexile</u>	<u>Title of Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
360	Squanto: A Friend of the Pilgrims	Clyde Robert Bulla
510	Louis Braille	Margaret Davidson
520	Helen Keller	Margaret Davidson
690	Laura Ingalls Wilder: Pioneer Girl	Megan Stine
700	Abraham Lincoln	George Sullivan
760	Story of Jackie Robinson	Margaret Davidson
910	Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman	D. Sterling
960	Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?	Patricia McKissack
980	Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt	Jean Fritz
	Sitting Bull: Great Sioux Chief	Lisa Eisenberg
	Children's Pilgrim Progress	Helen L. Taylor
	Any book from <i>The Childhood of Famous Americans Series</i> by Aladdin Paperbacks	

Animal Stories

<u>Lexile</u>	<u>Title of Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
550	Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner
570	The Case of the Missing Bird Dog	John R. Erickson
750	The Trumpet of the Swan	E.B. White
750	A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond
750	Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
760	Stormy: Misty's Foal	Marguerite Henry
760	Sea Star: Orphan of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
820	Ribsy	Beverly Cleary
900	Sounder	William Armstrong
910	Big Red	Jim Kjelgaard
920	Stuart Little	E.B. White
970	Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars
	Algonquin	Dion Henderson
	The Incredible Journey	Cynthia Rylant
	Any animal story by Janette Oke	
	Any animal story by Thornton Burgess	

Series

<u>Title of Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
Any book in the sports series	Matt Christopher
Any book	Beverly Cleary
Sugar Creek Gang	Paul Hutchens
Adventures in Odyssey	Focus on the Family
Trailblazer	Dave and Neta Jackson
Chronicles of Narnia	C.S. Lewis
Boxcar Children	Gertrude Warner
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder
American Girl	various
Encyclopedia Brown	Donald J. Sobol
American Adventure Series	published by Barbour Publishers
Any of the Indian stories	Kenneth Thomasma
Cooper Kids Adventure	Frank Peretti
Mandie	Lois Gladys Leppard
Any children's book	Jean Fritz
Any children's book	E.B. White
Animal Ark Series	published by Scholastic
	(available at Stop & Shop markets with a book section)

The Sign of the Beaver Assignment

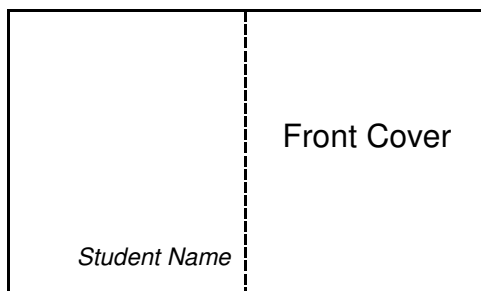
NAME _____

TITLE OF BOOK _____

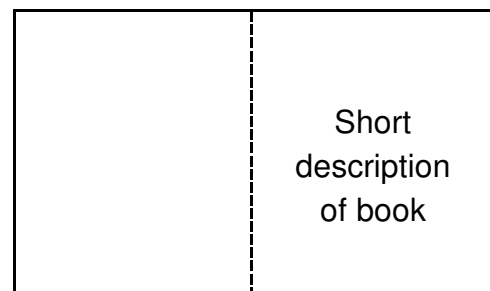
AUTHOR _____ NUMBER OF PAGES _____

Design Time

1. Design a new book jacket for your book using a piece of 9"x12" construction paper folded in half (See diagram below).
2. For the front cover, draw a picture that tells something about the story. Include the title of the book and the author. Make sure the cover is colorful.
3. On the inside right side, write a short description of the book. Be sure to describe the main character of the story. Use at least 3-5 good sentences.
4. Make sure the cover makes the book look interesting and exciting so others will want to read it.
5. Your book jacket will be put on a bulletin board when you return to school in September.
6. Put your name on the back of the jacket in a place where it will not show.



Front of construction paper



Back of construction paper

Book Report Form

The Mayflower Secret

NAME _____

TITLE OF BOOK _____

AUTHOR _____

MAIN CHARACTERS _____

SETTING (where it mostly takes place) _____

What three things in the book were different from life in 2009?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What was the secret the book is talking about?

Did you like the book? Tell why or why not in 2-3 sentences.