

4th Grade Summer Reading List

*Students are required to read two (2) of the books listed and provide the following information on loose leaf for each book read. This is a **graded** assignment. **SEE EXAMPLES ON LAST PAGE*

- Your name
- Book title (**underline it**)
- Author
- Favorite character - why?
- Favorite part of the book (**at least three good, complete sentences**)
- Three new vocabulary words from the book with definitions
- Would you recommend the book to others? Why?
- On a separate piece of paper, design a new book cover for the book. Include the Title and Author. Be creative!
- Neatness counts :) Have fun with this!

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech RL 4.8 Int.. 3-6

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Hank Zipzer Book Series by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver RL 4.5 Int. 3-6

(25 to choose from!!!)

Inspired by the true life experiences of celebrity Henry Winkler, whose undiagnosed dyslexia made him a classic childhood underachiever, this series is about the high-spirited and funny adventures of a boy with learning differences. This Set/Series Contains 16 Titles

Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen RL 4.3 Int. 3-6

This short and hilarious tale pitches an ordinary preteen with an old riding lawn mower into a dizzying ascent up the financial ladder. His sights set no higher than a new inner tube for his bike, the young narrator is thrilled to make \$60 in one day, mowing his neighbors' lawns. Just as demand for his services skyrockets, he meets Arnold, an honest, home-based stockbroker who becomes his business manager . . . and less than a month later, the lad has a dozen migrant laborers in his employ.

Flora & Ulysses : The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo RL 4.3 Int. 3-6

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. **Winner of the 2014 Newbery Medal**

The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo RL 4.5 Int. 3-6

Walking through the misty Florida woods one morning, twelve-year old Rob Horton is stunned to encounter a tiger — a real-life, very large tiger — pacing back and forth in a cage. What's more, on the same extraordinary day, he meets Sistine Bailey, a girl who shows her feelings as readily as Rob hides his. As they learn to trust each other, and ultimately, to be friends, Rob and Sistine prove that some things — like memories, and heartache, and tigers — can't be locked up forever.

Honus & Me by Dan Gutman RL 4.1 Int. 5-8

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio RL 4.8 Int. 3-6

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. **Virginia Readers' Choice 2013-2014**

I Survived... Book Series by Various Authors RL 4.7 Int.3-6

(20 Different titles to choose from!!)

Each book covers a disaster in U.S. History.

RL = Reading level

The 1st number indicates the year and the 2nd number indicates how many months into that school year.

Int. = Interest level

Represents the grade level range

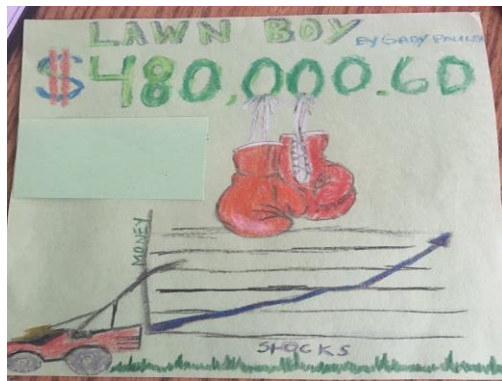
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EXAMPLE OF A BOOK COVER DESIGN AND 2 WRITTEN REPORTS



Emily Sullivan
 I Survived: The Great Chicago Fire, 1871
 By: Lauren Tarshis
 My favorite character is Oscar because he saved two little kids lives.
 My favorite part of the book was when Oscar helped them get to safety from the fire. The reason Oscar saved them is because he was spying on them and then Sparks started flying everywhere and Oscar caught on fire. He slipped, slipped, and rolled, then the kids house caught on fire. Oscar ran into it and called for them and they came out and escaped safely.
 Splintered a break or cause to break into small sharp fragments
 embers a small piece of burning or glowing coal or wood in a dying fire
 Tear stained = wet with tears
 I would recommend this book to others because it has a very good lesson which is always look out for others.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
 Kate Dicamillo
 My favorite character is Nellie because I thought it was funny that she made Edward a dress for different occasions.
 My favorite part of the book was when Edward thought he had wings. He thought he could fly to heaven. He hoped that he could go see Sarah Ruth, one of his favorite people.
torso - The trunk of the human body
penetrating - able to make a way through or into something
specimen - an individual item or part considered typical of a group class or whole
 I would recommend the book to others because I thought it was fun to read about Edward going on a big journey.