

## 2009-2010 Summer Reading List

### Entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Every student entering the fourth grade will need to read at least 2 chapter books over the summer from 2 different authors. The list of books on this sheet was provided by this year's fourth grade class. All of the books are from various authors, on various reading levels, and genres (fiction, mystery, science-fiction, etc.) These are books that they truly enjoyed reading during the year and have recommended to you as upcoming fourth grade readers. However, if you choose not to read from the provided list, make sure to choose a chapter book based on the criteria stated above. Your local librarian can assist you in selecting a book that is suitable to your reading level.

When you return to school in August, please be prepared to give a "Book Talk" on one of your books. You will need to report some "specifics" about your book to your classmates, for example, they will need to know the characters and what the characters are like, setting, main events, problem, solution, if it was an enjoyable read for you, and whether or not you would recommend this book to them and why. (Book report forms have been provided.)

Each student will also need to read for approximately 140 minutes a week and keep a reading log that includes your name, date, title of literature, author, and the type of literature (book, magazine, newspaper, etc.) You are asked to read during the summer in order to maintain your current reading level so it is extremely important that you read every day! Please keep your "Book Talk" information and reading log in a notebook or folder and be sure to have a parent or guardian sign your reading log each time you read!!! **Book reports and completed reading logs will be part of the first quarter's reading grade.**

#### Book List

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Maniac Magee, The Library Card, Loser, Crash, by Jerry Spinelli

There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sachar

The Laura Ingall Wilder book series

Walk Two Moons by Sheryl Creech

Where the Sidewalk Ends (poetry) by Shel Silverstein  
series

Hannah's Helping Hands by Jean van Leeuwen

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Dog Overboard by Vivian Sathre

The Charlie Bone book series by Jenny Nimmo

The Artemis Fowl book series by Eoin Colfer

Magic Treehouse Books by Mary Pope Osborne

Dirt Bike Racer, Spike It, by Matt Christopher

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe

Double Fudge by Judy Blume

A Dog's Life, by Ann M. Martin

Half-Moon Investigations, By Eoin Colfer

When Santa Fell to Earth, by Cornelia Funke

Keeper of the Doves, by Betsy Byars

The Tale of Despereaux, by Kate DiCamillo

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by J, Kinney

The Candy Apple series by various authors

Emily Windsnap . . . books by Liz Lessler

The American Girl series

Frindle by Andrew Clements

Encyclopedia Brown . . .