



Mary S. Shoemaker School

Suggested Reading List

4th Grade

(Please see the Shoemaker Homepage for additional grade levels.)



Dear Family,

The staff members of the Mary Shoemaker School have compiled a suggested reading list for each grade level to assist families when selecting books for reading with their children. Many of these books can be found in our local library, at bookstores, or through some of our classroom orders such as Scholastic and Arrowhead. Some of the titles on the list are great for children to read on their own, while others are perfect for reading aloud together. Reading is a life long journey and we hope the list provided will help in making selections for your children that they will enjoy. Happy reading!

Fourth graders are developing a stronger sense of authors, genres and topics that they like. Chapter books may be longer and more complex; keeping track of the story line or many characters can be a challenge. Talking about books during reading and reading books in a series can help make this easier. Sometimes *listening* to a book in a series first (either by reading it aloud or listening to it on CD) can help your child “get into” a new series and make reading other books in the series a little easier. Nonfiction selections and magazines also help satisfy fourth graders’ growing interest in the world around them. Reading several books about the same topic can help your child deepen his/her knowledge, while building confidence and expertise.

Series:

Animal Ark series- Ben Baglio
Vet Volunteers series - Laurie Halse Anderson
Clementine – Sara Pennypacker
I Survived series – Lauren Tarshis
Percy Jackson series- Rick Riordan
Dear America – by various authors
American Girl – by various authors
Little House – by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Encyclopedia Brown – Donald Sobol
Dragon Slayers’ Academy – Kate McMullen
Geronimo Stilton

Authors:

David Adler	Dick King-Smith	Judy Blume
James Howe	Beverly Cleary	Andrew Clements
Roald Dahl	Jean Craighead George	Dan Gutman
Johanna Hurwitz	Katherine Paterson	Louis Sachar
Jerry Spinelli	E.B. White	

Specific Titles:

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
Ten True Animal Rescues by Jeanne Betancourt
Baseball’s Best: Five True Stories by Andrew Gutelle
Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman
Owen and Mzee- Craig and Isabella Hatkoff