

Fourth Grade Suggested Reading List

In Centennial School District, we enthusiastically encourage our students to read in and out of school all year long. As a learning community, we endorse the Pennsylvania Department of Education's recommendation that elementary children read at least 25 books a year. We have included authors, titles, and series on this list that will appeal to your child.

Please encourage your child's non-fiction passions by guiding him or her to books on a favorite topic. Wide reading about true things helps create minds that are open and prepared for inquiry in science and social studies. Poetry gives children access to exquisite language, and biographies inspire and help us to understand the world around us. Fiction fires the imagination and engenders a life-long love of reading.

While it is important that your child read some books independently, it is essential that you continue to **read with your child** throughout elementary school. As an adult reader, you can model thinking strategies, demonstrate reading with fluency and expression, introduce new words and ideas, and help your child make connections between books and the world. Teachers, reading specialists, teacher-librarians, and public librarians are all at your service in determining the very best books to share with your child.

Author	Title
BIOGRAPHY	
Bridges, Ruby*	Through My Eyes
Engle, Trudie*	We'll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente
Garrett, Leslie*	The Story of Muhammad Ali
Meachen Rau, Dana*	Marie Curie
Ward, Stasia	Meet Beverly Cleary**
FICTION	
Blume, Judy*	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona's World**
Dahl, Roald*	The BFG
Dangizer, Paula	Amber Brown is Green With Envy**
DiTerlizzi, Tony	Spiderwick Chronicles**
Gutman, Dan	Million Dollar Kick**
Hale, Bruce	Chet Gecko: Murder My Tweet**
Howe, James	Bunnicula**
King-Smith, Dick*	Mouse Called Wolf
Naidoo, Beverly	Journey to Jo'burg
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh**
Osborne, Mary Pope	Tales From the Odyssey**
Goble, Paul	Iktomi and the Boulder
Peck, Robert Newton	Soup**

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Robinson, Barbara Park	Best School Year Ever**
Scieszka, Jon	Time Warp Trio 2095**
Selden, George	Cricket in Times Square**
Seuling, Barbara	Robert and the Weird and Wacky Facts**
Smith, Robert*	Chocolate Fever
Sobol, Donald	Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Disgusting Sneakers**
Taylor, Mildred	Song of the Trees*
Warner, Gertrude	Boxcar Children**
White, E.B.*	Charlotte's Web
Wilder, Laura Ingalls*	Little House on the Prairie
Winkler, Henry	Hank Zipzer Day of the Iguana**
Winthrop, Nancy	The Castle in the Attic**
FOLKTALES	
Hamilton, Virginia*	The People Could Fly the Picture Book
Kimmel, Eric	Anansi and the Talking Melon**
Lester, Julius	John Henry
Morin, Paul	Animal Dreaming
POETRY	
McNaughton, Colin	Making Friends with Frankenstein
Prelutsky, Jack*	It's Raining Pigs and Noodles
Silverstein, Shel*	A Light in the Attic
SCIENCE	
Bartholomew, Alan	Electric Mischief: Battery-Powered Gadgets Kids Can Build
Gibbons, Gail*	The Moon Book
Lasky, Kathryn	The Librarian Who Measured the Earth
Leedy, Loreen	Measuring Penny
Seuling, Barbara	Flick a Switch: How Electricity Gets to Your Home
Vogt, Gregory	The Sun**
SOCIAL STUDIES	
Davis, Kevin	Look What Came From Australia
Harvey, Miles	Look What Came From Africa
Leedy, Loreen	Celebrate the 50 States

* may choose other books by that author

** may choose other books in that series