

Rising Fourth Grade Summer 2020 Reading Assignment

Greetings, Rising Fourth Grader! The fourth grade teachers are excitedly anticipating your arrival to the BLUE Hall. This summer reading assignment will represent one of our first impressions of the skills you are bringing with you from third grade. You will show us what you know about **many** reading and writing skills in this assignment. It will also be your first ELA grade! Show us your best work, as it will help us begin to develop your plan for growth in fourth grade. We look forward to getting to know you in August!

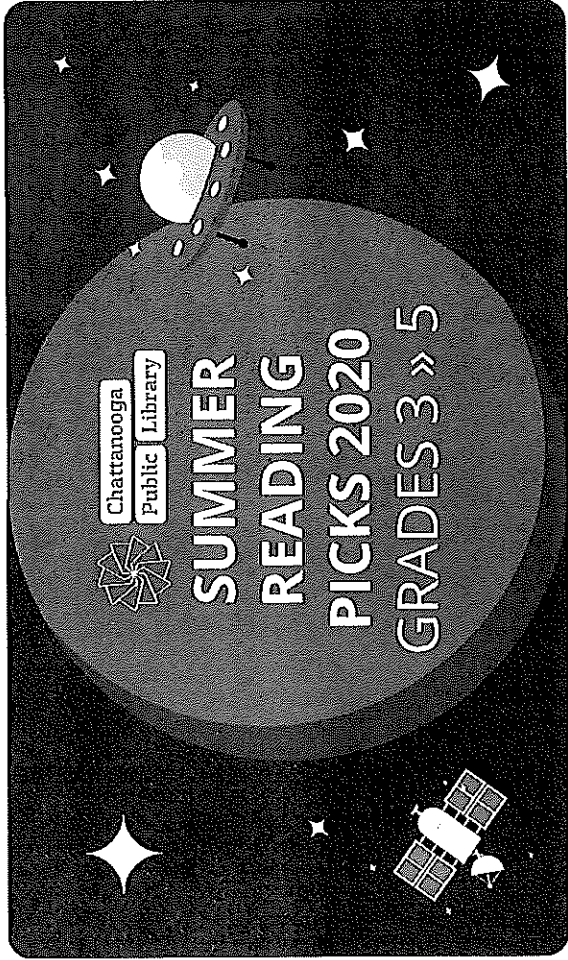
Assignment:

Choose one good-fit book (100 pages minimum...no graphic novels) to read for this assignment. Once you have read the book, you will write two strong paragraphs. Be thoughtful as you construct both of your paragraphs. Remember, this is our first indicator of what you can do as a reader and a writer.

- Paragraph one: Summarize your book. Name the title and author of the book. If the book you read is fiction, be sure to include information about the main characters, the setting, and the events that took place in the beginning, the middle, and the end. If there was a problem in the story, explain briefly how the problem was resolved. If the book you read is nonfiction, be sure to include information about the subject of the book as well as details from the beginning, the middle, and the end of the book.
- Paragraph two: Describe your impressions of the book. Include a topic sentence, and provide at least three details explaining what elements of the book made you want to read to the end, which features made the book so interesting, and what you noticed or wondered about the book.

Complete the Summer Reading Log attached to this assignment.

The Chattanooga Public Library summer reading list is attached to this assignment to guide you in your book selection. Happy reading!



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2020 List of recommended Summer Reading Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community, receiving many awards, excellent reviews and popular appeal. We hope that the 2020 List will help your family pick the best books for your child, grades K-12. All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

Reading in the summer helps build on the skills obtained during the school year so that learning continues into the next grade year. We need the support and encouragement of families to ensure that all of our children become excellent readers.

Happy Reading!

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CLASSICS

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

by Beverly Cleary
 A mouse makes friends with a boy at an inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
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The BFG

by Roald Dahl
 A Big Friendly Giant whisks Sophie away from the orphanage to save the world from mean giants.
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From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

by E.L. Konigsburg
 Two children hide in a museum where they stumble upon a mystery.
 S | J Kon

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by C.S. Lewis
 Four siblings step through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia.
 T | J Lew

FANTASY & SCI-FI

Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows

by Asia Citro
 Zoey and her cat named Sassafras care for a sick dragon.
 O | J Cit

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure

by Doreen Cronin
 Squirrel needs the Squad to solve a mystery. Does it have anything to do with the UFO in their yard?
 N | J Cro

The Storm Keeper's Island

by Catherine Doyle
 Finn and his sister are swept up in sinister magic on Arranmore Island.
 R | J Doy

The Lifters

by Dave Eggers
 Two new friends discover a secret buried beneath their town which leads them on an epic adventure.
 P | J Egs

CLASSICS

The Borrowers

by Mary Norton
 A family of tiny people live hidden in an English house.
 S | J Nor

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

by John Steptoe
 Daughters with very different personalities travel to meet the Great King.
 N | E Ste

Charlotte's Web

by E.B. White
 A lonely pig learns about love and friendship from a spider and a young girl.
 R | J Whi

FANTASY & SCI-FI

Rumple Buttercup

by Matthew Gray Gubler
 An odd-looking monster learns about acceptance and love in his community.
 M | J Gub

Over the Moon

by Natalie Lloyd
 Mallie disguises herself as a boy so that she can go on special missions on flying horses.
 O | J Llo

Fablehaven

by Brandon Mull
 Kendra and Seth travel to a land of witches, trolls, fairies and other mystical creatures.
 S | J Mul

Nightbooks

by J.A. White
 Captured by a witch, Alex must tell her stories in order to survive.
 R | J Whi

HISTORICAL FICTION

Finding Langston

by Lesa Cline-Ransome
 In 1946, an African American boy discovers the Chicago Public Library and the poetry of Langston Hughes.
 Q | J Cli

Out of Left Field

by Ellen Klages
 When she is told she can't play in Little League because she is a girl, Katy attempts to overturn the decision.
 O | J Kla

White Bird

by R. J. Palacio
 In occupied France during World War II, a family hides a Jewish girl.
 M | J Graphic Pal

HISTORICAL FICTION

Planet Earth is Blue
by Nicole Panteleakos
Placed in a foster home, her new family recognizes an autistic child's talents.
Q | J Pan

Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine
by Caroline Rose
During the Klondike Gold Rush, two brothers search for a lost mine.
P | J Ros

I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919
by Lauren Tarshis
A metal tank filled with molasses explodes and threatens the lives of the people of North Boston.
R | J Tar

Front Desk
by Kelly Yang
Mia helps run the desk at the motel her parents manage while fighting injustices along the way.
M | J Yan

MODERN REALISM

A Boy Called Bat
by Elana K. Arnold
Bat cares for a baby skunk and wants to keep him for a pet.
O | J Arn

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say
by Angela Dominguez
At school, Stella worries about her accent when making friends.
O | J Dom

MODERN REALISM

Song for a Whale
by Lynne Kelly
A deaf girl wants to help a whale who is unable to communicate with other whales.
R | J Kei

I'm Ok
by Patti Kim
Ok Lee comes up with an idea to make money to help his mother pay the bills.
S | J Kim

Jada Jones: Rock Star
by Kelly Starling Lyons
Jada and her classmates are grouped together for a science project.
N | J Lyo

The Season of Styx Malone
by Kekla Magoon
Two brothers befriend a clever, but troubled, teen.
Q | J Mag

Pay Attention, Carter Jones
by Gary Schmidt
Carter's whole life changes when an English butler arrives at his front door.
T | J Sch

Other Words for Home
by Jasmine Warga
Jude and her mother escape Syria to live with relatives.
U | J War

NONFICTION

What Miss Mitchell Saw
by Hayley Barrett
Maria Mitchell discovers a comet and becomes the first American female astronomer.
M | J B Mit

Bonkers About Beetles
by Owen Davey
Award-winning science book about beetles.
R | J 595.76 Dav

Science You Can Eat
by Stefan Gates
Learn about food and try out new experiments.
R | J 641.3 Gat

The Lost Book of Adventure
by Teddy Keen (ed.)
An Unknown Adventurer takes you around the world in this survivalist notebook.
W | J 796.5 Kee

Beastly Puzzles
by Rachel Poliquin
Can you solve these brainteasers and puzzles?
Q | J 793.73 Pol

DK Findout! Universe
by Giles Sparrow
Fabulous photographs and fascinating details about the universe.
T | J 523.1 Spa

The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid
by Dylan Thuras
Travel to 100 mysterious and weird-but-true places on Earth.
T | J 910.41 Thu

POETRY

The Undeclared
by Kwame Alexander
Celebrate African Americans throughout history.
M | J 811.6 Ale

Up Verses Down: Poems, Paintings, and Serious Nonsense
by Calef Brown
Silly poems and characters abound in this poetry book.
N | J 811.54 Bro

Superlative Birds
by Leslie Bulion
Birds are the subject of this science book in verse.
S | J 598 Bul

Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature
by Nicola Davies
Facts, poetry and illustrations make for a wonderful book about nature.
K | J 811.6 Dav

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
by Fred Rogers
The lyrics of Mister Rogers' favorite songs come alive in this illustrated collection.
O | J 811.6 Rog

The Day the Universe Exploded My Head
by Allan Wolf
Funny poems and facts about space.
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