

Jacksonville Classical Academy

SUMMER READING

4th Grade

The following books are suggested summer reading for rising 4th grade students. We encourage all families to prioritize reading with their children over the summer and throughout the school year. Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards. Choose books from the following list or share some of your personal favorites. Children should be read to or read to a parent for at least 20 minutes each day.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level: choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than five words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don't let that discourage you - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
- The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
- My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Ink on His Fingers (Gutenberg) by Louise A. Vernon
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- Crispin by Avi
- The Shakespeare Stealer (series) by Gary Blackwood
- Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet
- Who Was Marco Polo? by Joan Holub
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
- Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton