

Summer 2013 Recommended Reading List  
Rising Fourth Grade  
2013-2014

Non-Fiction Books

**Adler, David. *Fraction Fun***

Bright illustrations enliven a creative introduction to fractions that incorporates common cents (money) and "pizza math."

**Asim, Jabari. *Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington***

This illustrated introduction to the life of Booker T. Washington focuses on his hard work and determination to earn a college degree.

**Bredeson, Carmen. *Weird but True Space Facts***

Find out about gravity, Ida the asteroid, the Berringer meteor crater, the moon, and other weird space facts.

**Chin, Jason. *Redwoods***

A young city boy, riding the subway, finds an abandoned book about redwoods. He finds himself in the very forest described in the book. After finishing the book, he leaves it for someone else to read.

**Cool Careers Series (Various authors)**

This series introduces readers to the skills, tasks, and expectations of pursuing a career in a wide range of fields. Titles include: *Sports Medicine Doctor*, *Choreographer*, *FBI Special Agent*, and many others.

**Leacock, Elspeth and Susan Buckley. *Journeys in Time: A New Atlas of American History***

*Journeys in Time* takes you on twenty journeys that have shaped our national past, allowing you to follow in the footsteps of the real people who made American history.

**Malaspina, Ann. *Touch the Sky: Alice Coachman, Olympic High Jumper***

Coachman was the first black woman to win an Olympic gold medal and was recognized at the 1996 Olympics as one of the one hundred best athletes in Olympic history.

**Napoli, Donna Jo. *Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya***

The story of the woman who helped plant over 30 million trees in Kenya to combat deforestation and soil erosion, and who became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Prelutsky, Jack. *I've Lost My Hippopotamus***

This anthology of more than 100 never-before-published poems will delight Prelutsky's many fans.

**Slade, Suzanne. *What if There Were No Gray Wolves?***

What difference could the loss of one animal species make? Follow the chain reaction, and discover how important gray wolves are.

**Wargin, Kathy Jo. *The Edmund Fitzgerald: The Song of the Bell***

Experience the voyage and sinking of the giant transport ship, the Edmund Fitzgerald, which was caught in a raging storm while crossing Lake Superior in November, 1975.

**Winter, Jonah. *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx***

The story of how Sotomayor overcame poverty and with determination and a will to learn became the person she wanted to be, our first Hispanic Supreme Court justice. (A bilingual book)

## Fiction Books

**Alvarez, Julia. *How Tía Saved the Summer***

When three girls and their father visit Miguel's house for a week in the summer, it takes Tía Lola to make him forget his unhappiness and embrace the adventures that ensue.

**Barber, Tikki. *Wild Card***

Through the course of a difficult season, Ronde learns that his coach is right about football being a mental game, as he tries to fill in as kicker while he and his identical twin, Tiki, help Adam improve his grades.

**Grimes, Nikki. *Danitra Brown: Class Clown***

In this story told in a series of rhyming poems, Zuri faces her fears about starting a new school year with the help of free-spirited best friend, Danitra.

**Lin, Grace. *Dumpling Days: A Novel***

When Pacy, her two sisters, and their parents go to Taiwan to celebrate Grandma's sixtieth birthday, the girls learn a great deal about their heritage.

**Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things***

A young boy who loves superheroes and whose ancestors were Chinese warriors must overcome his fears to make friends.

**MacLachlan, Patricia. *Word after Word after Word***

Every school day feels the same for fourth graders Lucy, Henry, Evie, Russell, and May. Then Ms. Mirabel comes to their class bringing magical words and a whole new way of seeing.

**McDonald, Megan. *Stink: Solar System Superhero***

Stink launches a campaign in his classroom to restore Pluto's status to that of a full-fledged member of the solar system.

**McKay, Hilary. *Lulu and the Duck in the Park***

Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned her from bringing animals to school ever again.

**Stilton, Thea. *Thea Stilton and the Cherry Blossom Adventure***

Thea and her sisters go on a series of adventures all over the world and even to the moon. Look for other books in the series.

**Thomson, Melissa. *Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-Up***

When she accidentally leaves her journal in Tiffany's apartment, Keena is afraid that Tiffany will reveal all of her secrets.

**Trine, Greg. *Invasion from planet Dork: Melvin Beederman Superhero Series***

Melvin gathers his superhero friends to face a trio of extraterrestrial kidnappers.

**Warner, Sally. *EiIRay Jakes is Not a Chicken***

Eight-year-old EiIRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EiIRay can stay out of trouble for a week. Not defending himself against Jared, the class bully proves to be a real challenge.