

The Schenck School

Summer Reading for Rising Fourth Grade

Read the required book along with 2 free choice for a total of 3 books.

Required Reading: *Saving Winslow*

Sharon Creech

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures-not even lightning bugs, worms, or goldfish. So when his father brings home a sickly, newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. He names him Winslow. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to his brother, Gus, who is far, far away in the army. Everyone worries that Winslow won't survive, especially Louie's quirky new friend, Nora. But as Louie's bond with Winslow grows, surprising events prove that this fragile donkey and Louie are stronger than anyone could have imagined.

Books in a Series

After Happily Ever After

Tony Bradman

Each story begins after the classic fairy tale ends, with detailed line art adding a modern and humorous twist. It's time to find out the truth about these legends. What really happened AFTER the happily ever after?

Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls

Meg Cabot

Nine-year-old Allie has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

Beast Quest (Book 1: Ferno the Fire Dragon)

Adam Blade

Young Tom, on a mission to tell the king about the disasters befalling his small town, is recognized as the son of Taladon, a swordsman who went missing years earlier, and sent on a quest to free the fire dragon Ferno, once a protector of the kingdom, from the grip of evil magic.

Can You Survive?

Your survival depends on making the right choices in key moments. Which path to take? Readers use their wits and knowledge in these nonfiction adventures, learning about survival skills in various settings and making choices that will lead to either survival or doom.

Clementine

Sara Pennypacker

Features amusing stories about the irrepressible Clementine, a charmingly flawed and quirky character.

Comeback Kids

Mike Lupica

Bestseller-author Mike Lupica offers his tribute to the underdog! These are attention grabbing, action-packed sports titles that are sure to keep readers cheering for more.

Dog Diaries

Kate Klimo

Each book in this series features a different dog who narrates a story that relates to its breed, training, history, or experience. From modern stories about puppy mill survivors to historical stories about the first guide dogs, this series combines compelling, fact-driven canine drama with the one thing about dogs children want to know most: their inner-doggy dreams and desires!

Hank Zipzer**Henry Winkler**

Inspired by the true life experiences of celebrity Henry Winkler, whose undiagnosed dyslexia made him a classic childhood underachiever, this series is about the high-spirited and funny adventures of a boy with learning differences.

Humphrey the Hamster**Betty G. Birney**

Everyone's favorite classroom pet! Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School in Room 26, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher. In addition, he learns that even the nicest hamster in the world can get into trouble.

I Survived**Lauren Tarshis**

History's most exciting and terrifying events are brought to life in this fictional series. Readers will be transported by stories of amazing children and how they survived!

Jake Drake**Andrew Clements**

I'm Jake--Jake Drake. I've seen a whole lot of craziness while in third and fourth grade. I've duked it out for first place in the science fair (against my best friend!), I've seen bullies--ok, I've been bullied--I've been mistaken for a teacher's pet (seriously, it was all a big misunderstanding), and I've even been the class clown (ok that one I'm not so proud of). I've rounded up all my adventures in school right here for you!

Judy Moody**Megan McDonald**

The spirited text and wry illustrations will delight any child who's known a bad mood or a bad day--and managed to laugh anyway!

The Lemonade Wars**Jacqueline Davies**

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

Magic Tree House**Mary Pope Osborne**

A popular series about Jack and Annie and their adventurous travels through time, both historical and mythical, in their magic tree house filled with books.

National Geographic Chapters

Featuring full-color, the high adventure series features plot-driven true stories are packed with humorous tales and weird-but-true facts sprinkled throughout. Novel sized, they are perfect for backpacks, sharing with friends, and reading under the covers.

Rainbow Magic**Daisy Meadows**

The Rainbow Fairies have been banished from Fairyland by the wicked Jack Frost. If they don't return soon, Fairyland is doomed to be colorless and gray.

What Was...?

Features important American history facts. Each title contains many pages of photos and illustrations, and a bibliography and timeline.

Who Was...?

An exciting, illustrated biography series perfect for children who are beyond easy-to-read books about famous people, but not quite ready for thick, long biographies.

Individual Books

Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Dog Diaries

Betsy Byars

At the first annual meeting of WOOF--Words of Our Friends--assorted dogs preserve their heritage by sharing tales of canines throughout history, including Abu, who ruled all of Egypt except for one pesky cat, and Zippy, who simply must find the squeaky toy.

Fenway and Hattie

Victoria J. Coe

Fenway is an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier. He lives in the city with Food Lady, Fetch Man, and--of course--his beloved short human and best-friend- in-the-world, Hattie. But when his family moves to the suburbs, Fenway faces a world of changes. Get a dog's eye view of the world in this heartwarming, enthusiastic "tail" about two best friends.

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures

Kate DiCamillo

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Frindle (or other books by Andrew Clements)

Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

The One and Only Ivan

Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy

Jeanne Birdsall

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (or other books by Judy Blume)

Judy Blume

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.