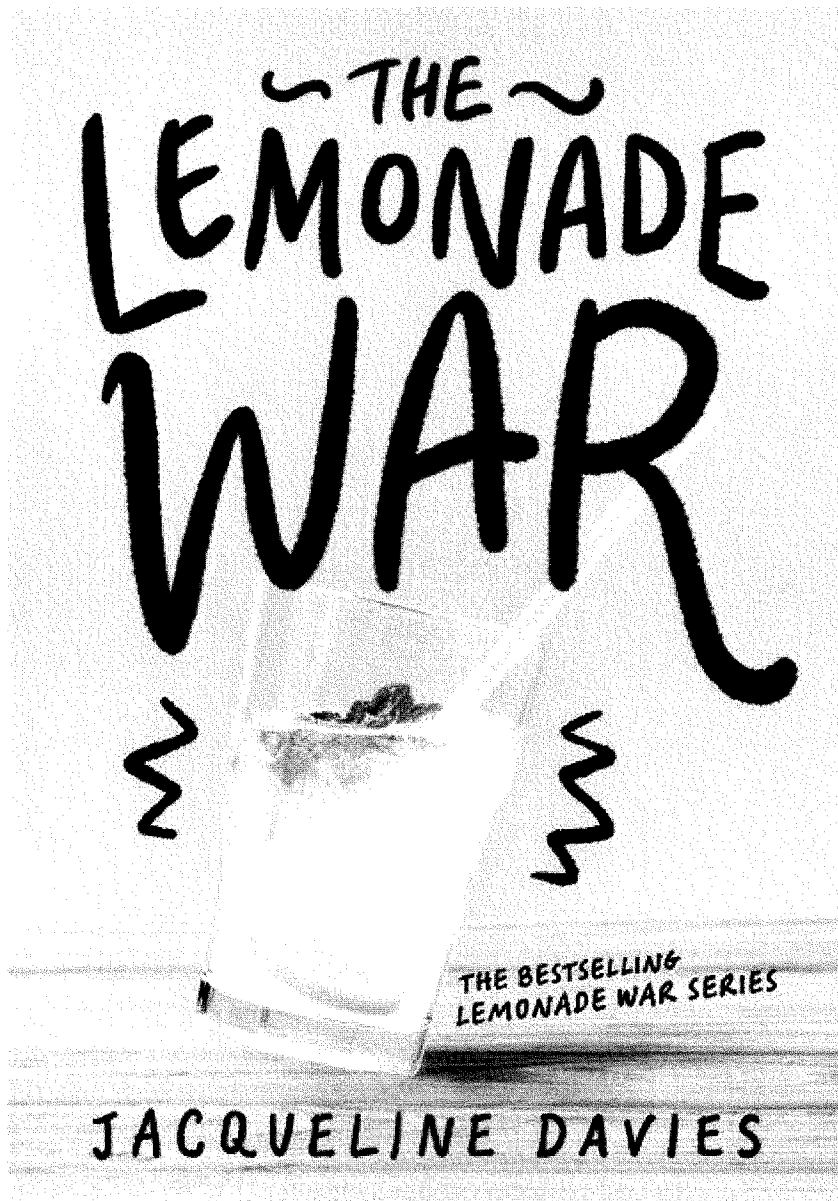


Summer Reading Book List 2026

Students entering fourth grade will be asked to read 2 books over the summer. ONE of them is required and the other is a book of choice!

The required book for the summer of 2026 is: The Lemonade War by
Jacqueline Davies



Choice Novel Book Report- Book in a Bag

Due: first day of school

Using a brown paper bag, you will glue information to each side of the bag and put things into the bag to represent your book. You will be presenting the “Book in a Bag” report the first week of school and it will be one of the first grades in reading! Do your best!!

Requirements:

1. Brown paper bag (Like a shopping bag from Stop and Shop or Whole Foods)

2. Outside of bag : (you may write/type then glue onto bag)

Front of bag: Draw the cover of the book – in color. Include the title and author. You must also have your name on the front of the bag – bottom right corner.

Back of the bag: Write a summary of the story. Remember to include what happens in the beginning, middle, and near the end. BUT don't give the whole story away. We want others to want to read it!!!

Left side of the bag: Draw and write a short paragraph describing the main characters. Explain if you would be friends with them and why

Right side of the bag: Write two short paragraphs explaining the setting and the problem in the story.

3. Inside the bag

You will place a copy of the book you read and four items that represent the main character or events in the story. Be creative! For example, perhaps the main character lived on a farm. You could put a small stuffed chicken representing the farm.

Have fun!!

Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 4th Graders

Here is a mix of funny, adventurous, heartwarming, and thought-provoking books that are perfect for students who have just finished 3rd grade and are heading into 4th grade!

Realistic Fiction

- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Wish by Barbara O'Connor

Fantasy & Adventure

- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

Funny Reads

- Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger by Louis Sachar
- The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
- Stick Dog by Tom Watson
- The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett & Jory John
- Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Mystery & Suspense

- The Boxcar Children
- Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective
- The Van Gogh Deception
- Greenglass House (for stronger readers)

Graphic Novels

- Dog Man
- Cat Kid Comic Club
- The Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly
- Invisible Emmie

Nonfiction

- Who Was Series
- I Survived series
- National Geographic Kids Weird But True!
- Sharks!
- The Big Book of Why

Challenge Books for Strong Readers

- Wonder
- Fish in a Tree
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
- Hatchet
- Bridge to Terabithia

Summer Reading Challenge

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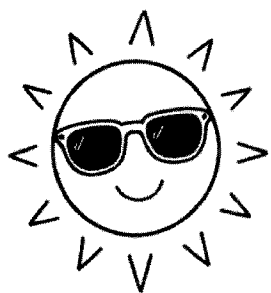
- 2 realistic fiction books
- 1 fantasy or adventure book
- 1 nonfiction book
- 1 book of your choice

Goal: Read at least 20 minutes a day and keep a list of all the books you finish this summer!

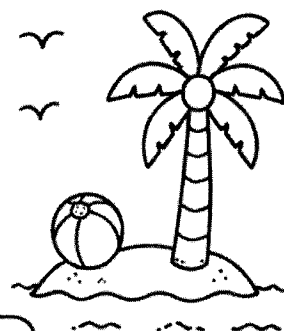


Name: _____

Date: _____



3rd Grade SUMMER READING LOG



Reading every day helps your brain grow!
Use this log to keep track of the books you read this summer.

Date 	Title of Book 	Author 	Minutes Read 	What I Liked 

My Favorite Book This Summer Was:

Why?

