

Blessed Sacrament School 4th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Students,

This is the summer reading list for students entering the fourth grade.






Please choose FOUR books from this list to read over the summer and complete a Book Review form for each one. The Book Reviews need to be completed by the first day of school.

Enjoy!

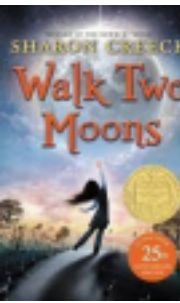
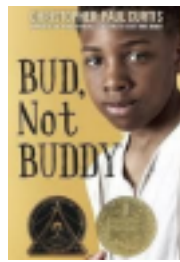


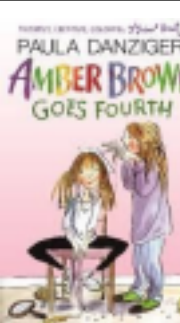
~The Fourth Grade Team

	<p><i>Cam Jansen - series (any title, by David Adler)</i></p> <p>Each mystery features Cam—the sleuth with the photographic memory—who solves the case with the help of her best friend, Eric.</p>
	<p><i>Who Stole the Wizard of Oz (Avi)</i></p> <p>Becky and her brother use some ingenious clues to identify the person who stole five children's books from the town's library.</p>
	<p><i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Judy Blume)</i></p> <p>Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother, Fudge, an ever-increasing problem.</p>



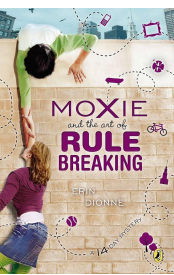
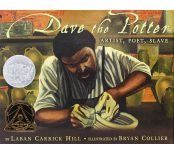

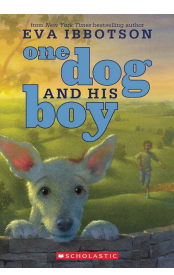
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	<p><i>Freckle Juice</i> (Judy Blume)</p> <p>Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.</p>
	<p><i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i> (Eleanor Coerr)</p> <p>Sadako, hospitalized with leukemia, races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes in an attempt to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.</p>
	<p><i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i> (Beverly Cleary)</p> <p>In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.</p>
	<p><i>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</i> (Beverly Cleary)</p> <p>Ramona feels quite grown-up taking the bus by herself, helping big sister Beezus make dinner, and trying hard to be nice to pesky Willa Jean after school.</p>
	<p><i>Magic School Bus</i> - series, any title (Joanna Cole)</p> <p>Ms. Frizzle takes her students on many field trip adventures to places only her "Magic School Bus" can go.</p>

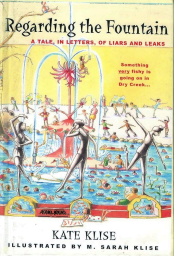
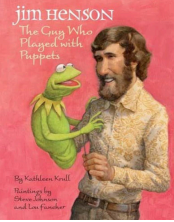
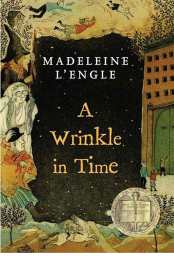
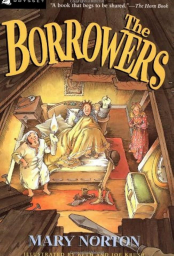
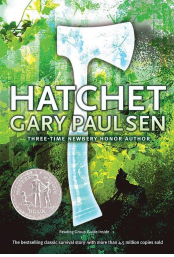
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	<p><i>Walk Two Moons</i> (Sharon Creech)</p> <p>After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.</p>
	<p><i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> (Christopher Paul Curtis)</p> <p>Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.</p>
	<p><i>Matilda</i> (Roald Dahl)</p> <p>Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and to help her nice teacher, Miss Honey.</p>
	<p><i>The BFG</i> (Roald Dahl)</p> <p>Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.</p>
	<p><i>Amber Brown Goes Fourth</i> (Paula Danziger)</p> <p>Entering fourth grade, Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friend moves away and her parents divorce.</p>

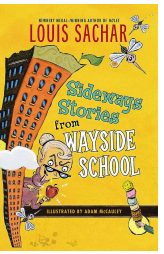
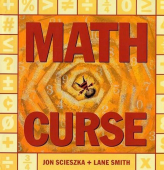
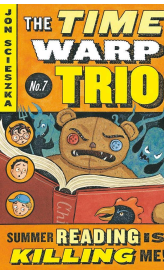
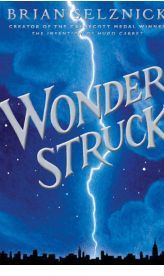
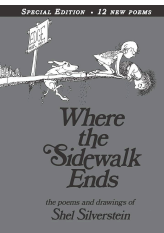
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	<p><i>The Lemonade War</i> (Jacqueline Davies)</p> <p>Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100.</p>
	<p><i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> (Kate DiCamillo)</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><i>Moxie and the Art of Rule Breaking</i> (Erin Dionne)</p> <p>Instead of spending a carefree summer exploring downtown Boston with best friend Ollie, thirteen-year-old Moxie must solve a famous art heist in order to protect those she loves from her ailing grandfather's gangster past.</p>
	<p><i>Dave the Potter: artist, poet, slave</i> (Laban Carrick Hill)</p> <p>Chronicles the life of Dave, a nineteenth-century slave who went on to become an influential poet, artist, and potter.</p>
	<p><i>Everything on a Waffle</i> (Polly Horvath)</p> <p>Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.</p>
	<p><i>One Dog and His Boy</i> (Eva Ibbotson)</p> <p>When ten-year-old Hal learns that his wealthy but neglectful parents only rented Fleck, the dog he always wanted, he and his friend Pippa take Fleck and four other dogs from the rental agency and run away.</p>

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	<p><i>Regarding the Fountain: a tale in letters, of liars and leaks</i> (Kate Klise)</p> <p>When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.</p>
	<p><i>Jim Henson: the guy who played with puppets</i> (Kathleen Krull)</p> <p>Chronicles the life of Jim Henson, describing how he pushed the boundaries of entertainment and brought the art of puppets to a new level with the creation of his Muppets.</p>
	<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> (Madeleine L'Engle)</p> <p>Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.</p>
	<p><i>The Borrowers</i> (Mary Norton)</p> <p>Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.</p>
	<p><i>Hatchet</i> (Gary Paulsen)</p> <p>After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.</p>

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	<p><i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i> (Louis Sachar)</p>
	<p><i>Math Curse</i> (Jon Scieszka)</p>
	<p><i>Summer Reading is Killing Me! (or any title from the Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka)</i></p>
	<p><i>Wonder Struck</i> (Brian Selznick)</p>
	<p><i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> (Shel Silverstein)</p>

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.



When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student acquires a math anxiety which becomes a real curse.

At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books.

Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

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	<p><i>Maniac Magee</i> (Jerry Spinelli)</p> <p>After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.</p>
	<p><i>I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg</i> - (or any title from the I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis)</p> <p>In 1863, child slave Thomas and his sister Birdie journey north and meet up with Union soldiers who have orders to fight at Gettysburg.</p>

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4th GRADE BOOK REVIEW

My Name: _____

Book Title (#1): _____

Author: _____

The story takes place:

Where: _____

When: _____

Describe the main characters:

Five important events in the book are:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

I would recommend this book to a friend because:

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My Name: _____

Book Title (#2): _____

Author: _____

The story takes place:

Where: _____

When: _____

Describe the main characters:

Five important events in the book are:

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