

Summer Reading for Students Entering 4th Grade

Even though abilities and interests vary greatly among 4th graders, they should all be moving into an independent level of reading. Some children may have begun to choose a particular subject or genre, while others continue to read a wide variety of literature. We strongly suggest that rising fourth graders' summer reading include the practice of reading at least 30 minutes daily.

Students have three required books to read and respond to over the summer, as specified below. Each will have an activity as noted. These will be displayed in the hallway/classroom after the students orally present them in class. There is a rubric attached that will be used for writing portions of each assignment.

The assignments are due in class on Monday, September 8th. Please note, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* novel will be used in class throughout September in ELA class. All students **MUST** bring in their copy of *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by September 8th.

1. **Andrew Clements** Choose and read a book by Andrew Clements. Follow the format below for your book report:
 - Students will write (in print/cursive optional) 2 paragraphs. Students are to write a one page report in cursive. Neatly please :)
 - Paragraph #1: choose your favorite character. Write at least 3 sentences describing who and why this person is your favorite character. Please be descriptive!
 - Paragraph #2: choose your favorite part of the book. Write 4 sentences describing why this was your favorite part. For example: Was it funny? Explain.
 - Finally, make a decorative cover for your "report." The cover CANNOT be computer generated. Be creative and have fun!

2. Non Fiction Book of Your Choice

- * Non Fiction includes- biographies, history, "how to", etc
- Students will make a poster depicting their book.
- Poster is to be done on a 9x11 sheet of oak tag. Place items on the half sheet of oaktag long ways (vertical).
- In print OR cursive- print is allowed on this report as it is a poster. Include the following-(child's name on back)
- On front: Title/Author/Setting/Main Characters//Would you recommend this book? Why/Why Not?/Include a brief summary about the story- this does not need to be more than 5 sentences.
- Make the poster decorative, and neat! Let your creative juices flow!

3. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, by Judy Blume

- Please select 2 of the 3 attached mini projects to complete
- Both must be completed in cursive
- Use your neatest handwriting
- If you chose the T-shirt Project- please color the 'T-Shirt' with crayon/colored pencil.

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- If you select the "One Sentence Chapter Summaries" Assignment, please note it is for Chapters 1 – 6 ONLY!

"TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING"

One-Sentence Chapter Summaries

In each box, write a one-sentence summary of each chapter.
Focus on the main characters, setting, and plot of the chapter.

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Chapter 5

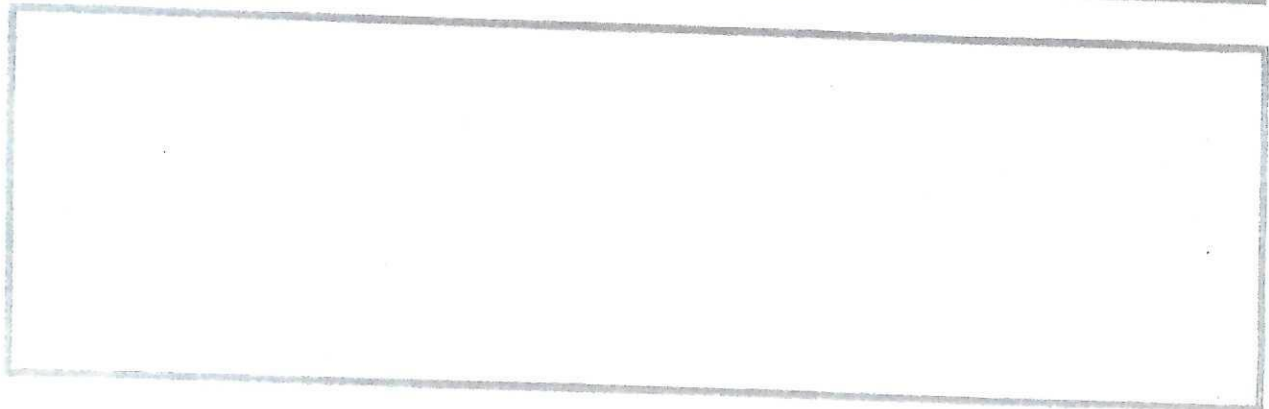
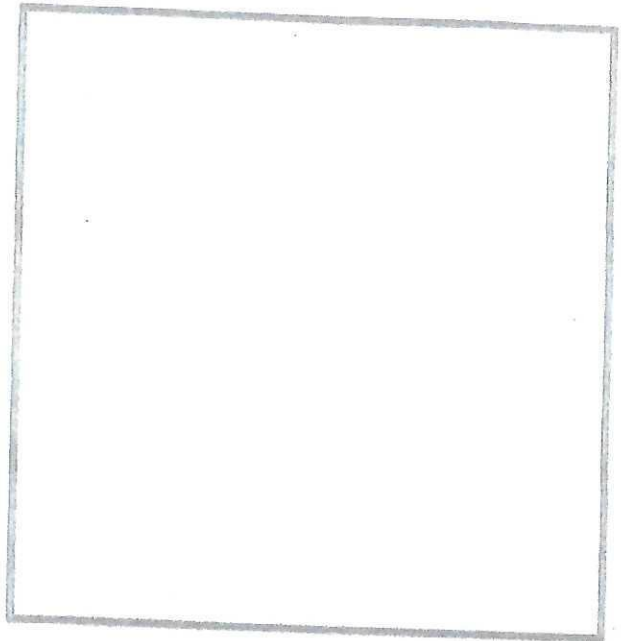
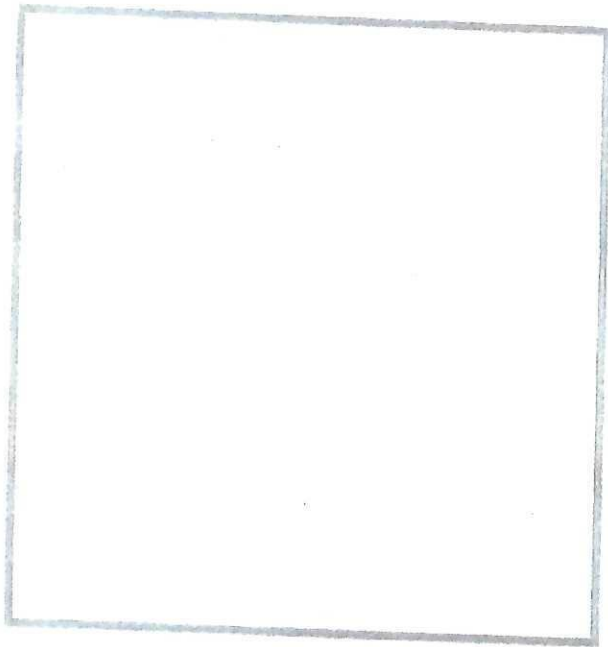
Chapter 6

The Best Quotes of *"Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing"*

In the boxes below, write three of your favorite quotes from the book.

A quote should look like this:

"The miracle is you." - Charlotte



Setting Souvenir

Design a vacation souvenir shirt based on the main setting of "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing".

