

The Village School's Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading Packet



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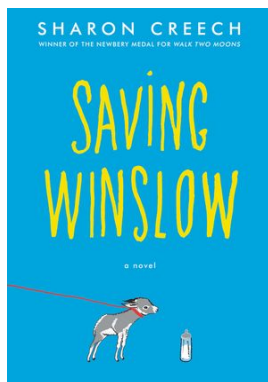
You are invited to read the optional pages for activities to complete over the summer in anticipation for the first day of school in August.

Dear Students and Parents,



Summer is a wonderful time to read for pleasure and enrichment. The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. This summer all rising 4th graders are invited to read [*Saving Winslow*](#) by Sharon Creech and complete the Optional Summer Reading Project, in addition to reading three books (one fiction, one nonfiction and one free choice) from the list found on pages 5-10 of this packet. **Please note that these activities are optional and will not be graded.**

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer break. Make sure to pack an extra book wherever you travel!



***Saving Winslow*, by Sharon Creech**

Available for purchase [here](#)

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures. 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.

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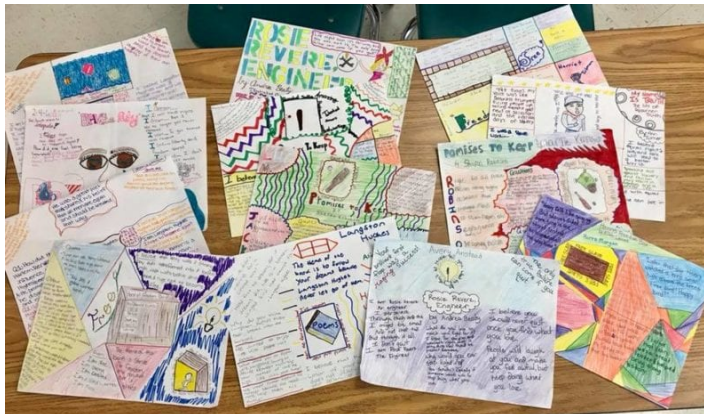
Optional One-pager Project for Sharon Creech's, *Saving Winslow*

The project will be creative and fun! Your job is to create a one-pager to entice readers to read this book.

After reading ***Saving Winslow*** by Sharon Creech, create a one-pager about the book.

What should I include in my one-pager?

- Sketch the setting of the story.
- Describe and draw a picture of the main character.
- Draw a personal connection you had to the novel.
- Use one word that identifies the theme of the novel, then sketch a visual of that word.
- Write one of your favorite quotes and explain why it is your favorite one.
- Write down the lessons learned in the novel.
- What could be added to the story if you were the author: an event, character, or setting? Add your own personal touch to the novel!



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Am I doing it like a 4th Grader?

	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>Proficient</i>	<i>Partially Proficient</i>
Content Standards	<p>All components are present.</p> <p>All components are supported by comprehensive and accurate content.</p> <p>Information represents an in-depth, insightful and advanced understanding of the content standard topics.</p>	<p>All components are present.</p> <p>All components are supported by comprehensive and accurate content.</p> <p>Information represents an in-depth, proficient level of understanding of the content standard topics.</p>	<p>The majority of the components are present.</p> <p>Components are supported with limited content.</p> <p>Information represents a partial understanding of the content standard topics.</p>
Conventions and Layout	<p>There are no errors (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure) present in the writing.</p> <p>Directions were clearly followed and all components are in the correct spot.</p>	<p>There are few errors (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure) present in the writing.</p> <p>Directions were followed and all components are in the correct spots.</p>	<p>There are some errors (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure) present in the writing.</p> <p>Most of the directions were followed and some of the components are in the correct spots.</p>
Creativity and Attractiveness	<p>The project is remarkably creative and unique in terms of design.</p> <p>The project is exceptionally attractive in terms of layout and neatness.</p>	<p>The project is creative and unique in terms of design.</p> <p>The project is attractive in terms of layout and design.</p>	<p>The project is somewhat creative and unique in terms of design.</p> <p>The project is attractive though it may be messy in some parts.</p>

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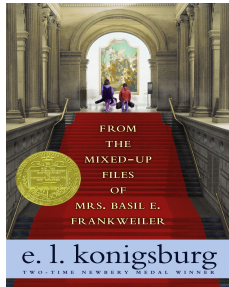


Choice Reading List for 4th Grade Readers

Choose at least three of the following books (one fiction, one nonfiction, and one free-choice) to read in addition to our whole-class novel. Many of these titles can be purchased at your local bookstore, but each book title contains an Amazon link for purchase.

Please also print a [reading log](#) and complete as you go!

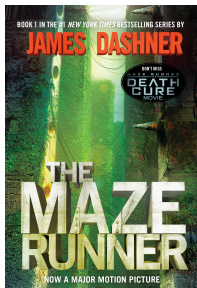
Fiction



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler: Claudia runs away from her annoying Connecticut life, taking her little brother with her. They secretly spend their days and nights in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—and get involved in a mystery that could change the face of art history. If you haven't read this kids' classic, do so now! Written by E.L. Konigsburg

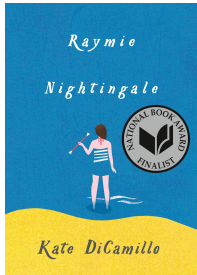


FunJungle: Do you like animals? Do you like mysteries? You'll love this series set in FunJungle, a famous (in the fictional world of the series) animal theme park in Texas. Teddy lives at FunJungle because his parents work there. In the book, a hippo goes belly up, and Teddy suspects murder—involving higher-ups in the FunJungle administration. He joins with a friend to get to the bottom of things. Cool animal facts, laughs, clever mystery, and some gory stuff feature in every volume. The Series: Belly Up, Poached, Big Game, and Panda-monium. Written by Stuart Gibbs

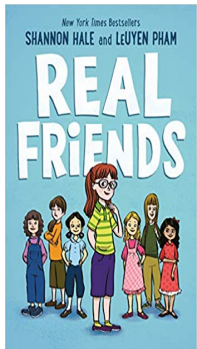


Maze Runner: Thomas awakens in an elevator and remembers nothing except his own name. When the door opens, he finds himself with a bunch of other teenage boys in a huge maze guarded by monsters. A new boy arrives every month. None of them knows how they got there; nobody can figure a way out. Then a nearly comatose girl arrives bearing a clue. Note: Truly scary. The Series: The Maze Runner, The Scorch Trials, and The Death Cure. Written by James Dashner

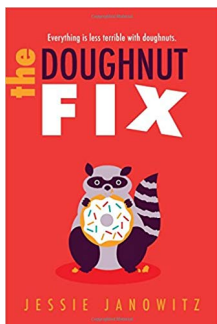
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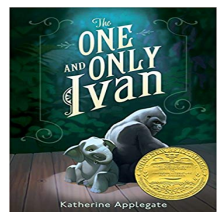
Raymie Nightingale: It's the summer of 1975, and Raymie's father has run off with a dental hygienist. Raymie is convinced he'll return and all her other problems will be solved if only she can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire contest. Enter two unlikely friends who themselves have pressing problems, and you have a funny, subtle summer book. Written by Kate DiCamillo



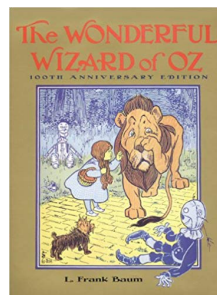
Real Friends: How will Shannon handle it when her longtime best friend Adrienne starts hanging out with the most popular girl in class? Painful, honest, and optimistic graphic memoir about dealing with frenemies—by the author of Rapunzel's Revenge and the Newbery Honor-winning Princess Academy. Written by Shannon Hale



The Doughnut Fix: Tristan, a New York City kid, isn't "gifted-and talented" like his sister. He's into basketball, restaurants, and cooking. When his family moves to a tiny town upstate, he's horrified. Then, he hears about how the general store used to make the best chocolate-cream donuts in the world—and he's on a mission with a new friend to find the recipe and set up a donut business. Written by Jesse Janowitz

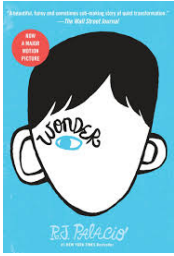


The One and Only Ivan: "I am Ivan. I am a gorilla. It's not as easy as it looks." Thus begins the tale of Ivan, a gorilla who lives in a display in a mall, and his friendships with an elderly elephant, a stray dog, and the mall janitor's kid. Ivan uses art to try to communicate with humans. Emotional, intense, funny—and inspired by a true story. Written by Katherine Applegate



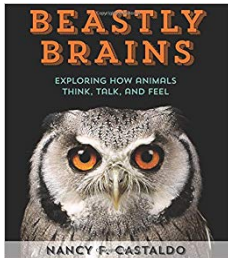
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: A quick and entertaining read. Decide which you like better—the book or the movie. See how the filmmakers changed the ending, changed the shoes, and left out some quirky characters Baum, L. Frank. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. A quick and entertaining read. Decide which you like better—the book or the movie. See how the filmmakers changed the ending, changed the shoes, and left out some quirky characters. Written by Frank Baum

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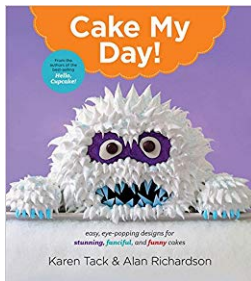


Wonder: Auggie has a severe facial deformity and lots of medical issues. After having been homeschooled all his life, he enrolls in a private New York City middle school. The story is told first from Auggie's point of view, then from others'. If you've read Wonder, try Auggie and Me, which includes chapters from the points of view of characters who didn't make it into the original. Written by R. J. Palacio

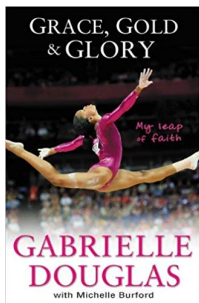
Nonfiction



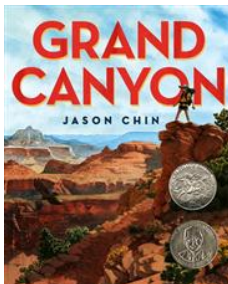
Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk and Feel. Awesome, browsable book about animal communication, drawing on research by scientists from Charles Darwin to Jane Goodall, as well as researchers of today whose names we don't know yet. Lots of great anecdotes, examples and pictures by Nancy Castaldo



Cake My Day: Easy, Eye-Popping Designs for Stunning, Fanciful, and Funny Cakes: The brilliant bakers behind Hello, Cupcake! turn their teaspoons to full-sized cakes. (It's easier in a way, to work with the larger canvas). Consider attempting the toaster cake, the hiking-boot cake, or perhaps the purple hippo cake. (Or, just admire the awesome photos.) Written by Karen Tack and Alan Richardson

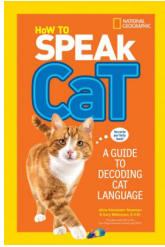


Grace, Gold & Glory: My Leap of Faith: Personal and inspiring autobiography of Olympic gold-medal gymnast Gabrielle Douglas, detailing the sacrifices that she and her family made so she could fulfill her dream. Written by Gabrielle Douglas and Michelle Burford

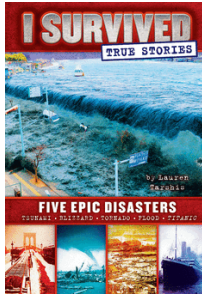


Grand Canyon: Rivers wind through earth, cutting down and eroding the soil for millions of years, creating a cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep known as the Grand Canyon. Home to an astonishing variety of plants and animals that have lived and evolved within its walls for millennia, the Grand Canyon is much more than just a hole in the ground. Follow a father and daughter as they make their way through the cavernous wonder, discovering life both present and past. Weave in and out of time as perfectly placed die cuts show you that a fossil today was a creature much long ago, perhaps in a completely different environment. Complete with a spectacular double gatefold, an intricate map and extensive back matter. Written by Jason Chin

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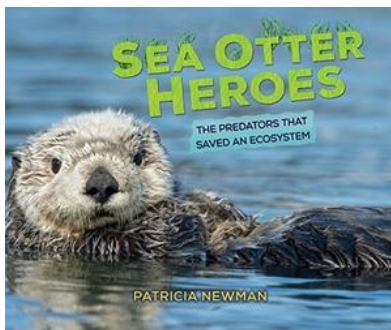
How to Speak Cat: A Guide to Decoding Cat Language: A writer and a vet explore the history of domestic cats, and explain what your feline friends are trying to tell you when they do things like purr, swish their tails, or launch themselves into the air like crazed lunatics. Written by Aline Alexander Newman and Gary Weitzman



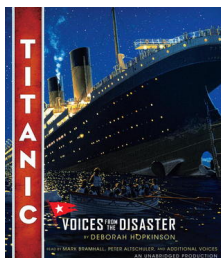
I Survived True Stories (series) by Lauren Tarshis: The New York Times bestselling I SURVIVED expands to include this thrilling Nonfiction exploration of five true stories, from the Titanic to the Henryville Tornadoes. Now author Lauren Tarshis brings them five true stories in a narrative Nonfiction companion that explores the real names behind history's greatest disasters. Including: Into the Black Water: The Titanic, 1912; The Wave: The Japanese Tsunami, 2011; Out of the Tornado: Henryville, Indiana, 2013; The Great Molasses Flood of 1919; In the Path of the Avalanche!



Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars! Athlete after athlete in this book found discipline, hope, and inspiration on the playing field, rising above their circumstances. Filled with first-hand accounts from stars who exemplify the idea of enduring at all costs, *Rising Above* will serve as a must-read source of inspiration for kids and sports fans of all ages. Written by Gregory Zuckerman



Sea Otter Heroes: The predators that saved an ecosystem: Marine biologist Brent Hughes didn't think a fuzzy-faced sea otter and seagrass had much in common. Yet his research at Elkhorn Slough, an estuary on Monterey Bay in northern California, revealed a new and surprising connection between the two. Brent expected the estuary to be overrun with algae due to the fertilizer runoff from surrounding fields. But the opposite was true. Why? Join Brent on the trail of a mystery. A mystery that defined his career, but most of all, led him to appreciate the sea otter. A predator that saved an ecosystem. Written by Patricia Newman.



Titanic: Voices from the Disaster: The story of the 1912 tragedy, told with cliffhangers, personal profiles, and amazing photos (including rare shots of the ill-fated voyage). You'll hang on every word—even though you already know how it ends. Written by Deborah Hopkinson

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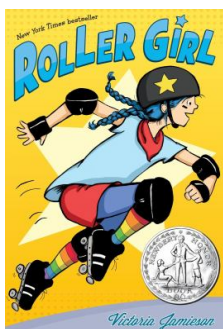


Who was...?: A series of illustrated biographies for young readers featuring significant historical figures, including artists, scientists, and world leaders. Written by different authors. [[Amelia Earhart](#), [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), [Jane Goodall](#), [Stan Lee](#), etc.]

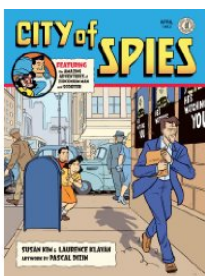


101 Dog Tricks: Step by Step Activities to Engage, Challenge, and Bond with Your Dog: Summertime is the right time to school your dog! Written by Kyra and Chalcy Sundance

Graphic Novels and Illustrated Text



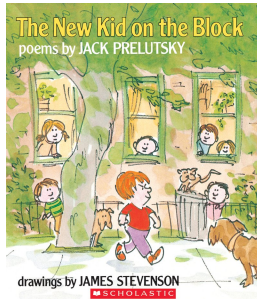
Roller Girl: Astrid joins a roller derby team and is shocked when her best friend isn't interested. Great roller rink atmosphere, and a wonderful story about how complex friendship can be. The author/illustrator is on a roller derby team herself! Written by Victoria Jamieson



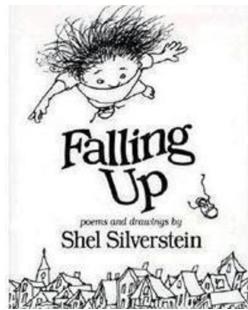
City of Spies: It's 1942, and Evelyn's dad sends her to New York to live with her Bohemian artist aunt. A lover of comics and mysteries, Evelyn teams up with a neighbor boy to look for Nazi spies—and they actually find some. Illustrations feel like Tintin. Written by Susan Kim

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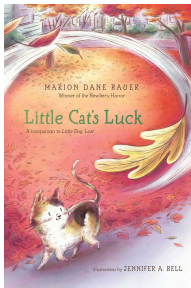
Poetry



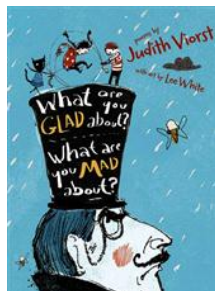
The New Kid on the Block: Collected here are more than 100 humorous poems, profusely illustrated, about such strange creatures and people as the Gloopy Gloopers and Baloney Belly Billy. Turn the pages and be introduced to jellyfish stew, a bouncing mouse, a ridiculous dog, a boneless chicken, and the very unexpected new kid! Written by Jack Prelutsky



Falling Up: Poor Screamin' Millie is just one of the unforgettable characters in this wondrous new book of poems and drawings by the creator of *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *A Light in the Attic*. Here you will also meet Allison Beals and her twenty-five eels; Danny O'Dare, the dancin' bear; the Human Balloon; and Headphone Harold. Written by Shel Silverstein



Little Cat's Luck: Along the way, Patches finds herself in dire circumstances, but with the help of the other neighborhood animals, she faces off against the scariest dog in town and continues on her journey to her special place. Written by Marion Dane Bauer



What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad about? Poems for When a Person Needs a Poem: From the beloved and internationally bestselling author of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, Judith Viorst comes a brand-new collection of clever, hilarious, and poignant poems that touch on every aspect of the roller-coaster ride that is childhood. From school to family to friends, from Grrrr to Hooray!, Judith Viorst takes us on a tour of feelings of all kinds in this thoughtful, funny, and charming collection of poetry that's perfect for young readers just learning to sort out their own emotions. Written by Judith Viorst