



*Lawrence Public Schools*

# Summer Reading List

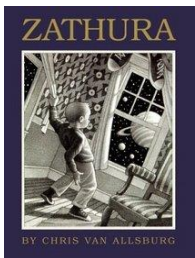
## *Students Entering Grade 4*



## Literature to Read

### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

by Kate DiCamillo



### Zathura

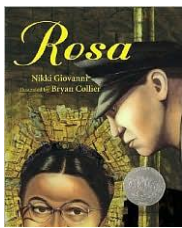
by Chris Van Allsburg

### Nim's Island

by Wendy Orr

### The Stories Julian Tells

by Anne Cameron

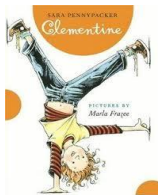


### Rosa

by Niki Giovanni

### Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker



### Camille McPhee Fell Under the Bus

by Kristen Tracy



### I Survived...

by Lauren Tarshis

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your child to fourth grade! We look forward to helping your child continue to develop the skills and abilities that will enable him or her to become a successful, life-long learner.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Reading serves as the major foundational skill for all school-based learning. Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

- **Read aloud together with your child every day.**
- **Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings. Older siblings can take turns reading as well.**
- **Read your child's favorite book over and over again.**
- **Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.**
- **Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn't have one.**

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

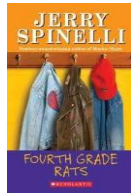
**Happy Reading!**

# Books About Grade 4

## Fourth Grade Rats

by Jerry Spinelli

Narrator Suds is having a hard time giving up "baby" things and trying to be "macho."



## 4B Goes Wild

by Jamie Gilson

## Herbie Jones Moves On

by Suzy Kline

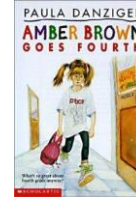
Fourth grader Herbie Jones is very upset that his best friend is moving away. He tries hard to prevent it from happening. Read to see how his plans work out.



## Amber Brown Goes Fourth

by Paula Danziger

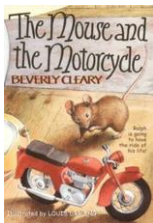
Amber enters fourth grade in a panic. Her parents are newly divorced and her best friend has moved away. How will she cope?



# Favorite Books

## The Mouse and the Motorcycle

by Beverly Cleary



## Ivy & Bean Series

By Annie Barrows

## Jake Drake, Class Clown

by Andrew Clements

## The Tale of Despereaux:

by Kate Dicamillo

## Olive's Ocean

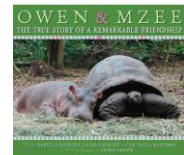
by Kevin Henkes

## Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship

By Isabella Hatkoff

## Remembering Mrs. Rossi

by Amy Hest

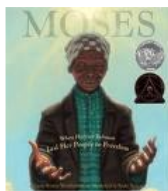


# Award Winning Books

## Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her

People to Freedom

by Carole Weatherford



## Maniac Magee

by Jerry Spinelli

## The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane

by Russel Freedman

## Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo

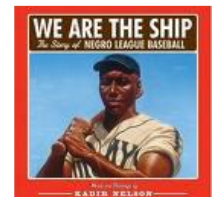


## Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave

by Laban Carrick Hill

## We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

by Kadir Nelson

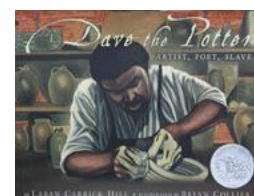


## Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

by John Steptoe

## The Hundred Penny Box

by Sharon Bell Mathis



**Students entering Grades 3 and 4 are expected to read in a "just right" book or be read to, 25 minutes a day.**