

WAKEFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Summer Reading List Grade 4

One of Wakefield Country Day School's important goals is that our students learn to enjoy reading a variety of books. The summer reading list is designed with that objective in mind and also with an eye to introducing literature that coordinates with a particular course or theme-- literature that is of worth and appealing to the students at a given age, that stimulates curiosity and the desire to read more. Each child will read a total of four books, two required titles and two selections from the supplemental reading list.

Please keep this list in a safe place. You will be asked to refer to it throughout the entire school year.

Many of the books are paperbacks, and many are available in the school library as well as public libraries. We suggest that students attempt to stretch themselves on the level of difficulty but hasten to add that there is much valuable information in simply written books.

For each book, a summary, on a 5 x 7 index card, must be written. The card should be set out as follows:

Student's Name

Title of book:

Author:

Setting:

Main characters:

Summary: Included in the summary should be a brief outline of the plot and a comment regarding your favorite part or relating to your personal evaluation of the book.

Required Reading:

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

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Supplemental Reading:

I. AMERICAN HISTORY: BIOGRAPHY AND FICTION

(must read 1 book)

Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? by Jean Fritz
Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad by Ann Petry
Paul Revere's Ride, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem illustrated by Paul Galdone
Little House in the Big Woods and the other books in the *Little House* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla
The Legend of Jimmy Spoon by Kristiana Gregory
Dear America series by Kathryn Lasky
America Alive: A History by Jean Karl
The Mystery at Jamestown First Permanent English Colony in America by Carole Marsh
SHH We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz

II. FOLKLORE/ SCIENCE FICTION/ FANTASY

(must read 1 book)

Aesop's Fables by Everyman's Library
The Book of Greek Myths, Norse Gods and Giants by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire
Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Carlson
Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff