



Dear Parents,

Can you believe your child is almost a fourth grader? We are excited about seeing your child next year in fourth grade! As you look toward the next school year for your child, please encourage your child to read this summer. The importance of summer reading has been demonstrated repeatedly in educational research. Those studies have shown that children who read during the summer do much better in school when it starts again in August. On the other hand, children who do not read during the summer demonstrate a significant loss.

At FPDS, each rising fourth grader will be required to:

- Read The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden and
- Select at least one book from the list below to read as a free choice.

To assess comprehension of the two books, the students will take AR tests. We are offering a few AR testing days during this summer in which students may come to the **school library** and take AR tests: **June 15 and 17 and July 20 and 22 from 9-12 A.M.** Required summer reading AR tests may be taken on these dates at the school or may be taken at the school when the school year begins. Of course, reading more than two books is highly recommended. You are responsible for attaining the summer reading books for your child.

We look forward to a great fourth grade year with you and your child!

Happy reading,
FPDS Fourth Grade Teachers

Free Choice Books

The Chocolate Touch by Patricia Catling
Henry and the Paper Route by Beverly Cleary
Ramona Forever by Beverly Cleary
Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary
Socks by Beverly Cleary
The School Story by Andrew Clements
Hot and Cold Summer by Johanna Hurwitz
Class President by Johanna Hurwitz
My Brother Made Me Do It by Peg Kehret
The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill

Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
Little Town on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Report Card by Andrew Clement
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
The Secret of the Old Clock by Carolyn Keene