



Dear New 4th Grade Parents,

This summer I am asking the students to continue their practice of reading. Not only will this give them a pleasurable pastime, it will also keep their reading skills sharp.

If you could, please develop a simple reading program with your child. It could as simple as a quiet time set aside each day for reading only.

Each student should read several books this summer. The following three reading lists can be used for ideas and guidance. To find out more about a book, you can click on the book's image to look inside.

4th Grade

[Amazon.com: 4th Grade Chapter Books](#)

5th Grade

[Amazon.com: 5th Grade Chapter Books](#)

6th Grade

[Amazon.com: 6th Grade Chapter Books](#)

These books can then be found in bookstores, online, or at the library.\* Students should keep track of the books that they read on a sheet of lined paper which can then be turned in to me when school starts in the Fall. I'd love to see what they read.

Reminders:

Children this age often need regular, private reading time and space.

They need to see their parents reading and valuing the act of reading.

They enjoy reading aloud to their parents and having their parents read aloud to them.

Thank you, very much, and I hope you have a great summer.

Wayne Riddle

*\* The students should probably not read the following books which will be read in class over the next couple of years: (If they already have read one or more, it's not a problem.)*

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Flora and Ulysses by Cate DiCamillo

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien

From the Mixed Up Files....by E. L. Konigsburg

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff

Flint Heart by Katherine and John Paterson

Island of the Blue Dolphin

Sophia's War

Esperanza Rising

When You Reach Me