

Westerly Public Library



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children entering Grade Four:

Summer has arrived! Research shows that by reading at home a minimum of 20 minutes per day, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency will improve. We hope that this summer students will continue to enjoy learning through reading. We have, therefore, provided this list that contains a variety of books that are written at different levels of difficulty.

Enjoyment is the main purpose of summer reading. After you have read a story, please take some time to try the reading activities that we have included and fill in the reading log.

Have a wonderful vacation while reading some great books. Please return the signed reading log to next year's teacher in September.

Sincerely,

Grade Four Teachers
Westerly Public Schools

Happy Summer!

All public libraries (including Westerly) run a Summer Reading Program filled with fun activities and prizes to help encourage summer reading. This year's theme is "**Build a Better World**". To get started, come in anytime beginning June 26th, and receive your Reading Record and begin reading! Once you've finished your reading record, bring it in to receive your free book, coupons to local and state attractions and certificate of completion. This year in lieu of prizes, for every child who finishes our Children's Summer Reading Program, \$1 will be donated to Heifer International cause of their choice, thanks to the generosity of The Friends of Westerly Library and Wilcox Park. For more information, call the library at 401-596-2877 x316, or visit the WPL website or their Facebook page (Westerly Library & Wilcox Park).



Helpful Websites

Free internet access is available at the Westerly Public Library.

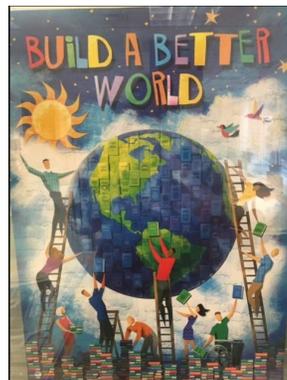
Find books using the CLAN (Statewide) Catalog at from home or at Westerly Public Library.

<http://www.westerlylibrary.org/>

RI Educational Media Association's links to websites such as the Caldecott and Newbery winners <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/01/american-library-association-announces-2016-youth-media-award-winners>

RI Children's Book Awards
<http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/nomineepdfs/ricba2016nominees.pdf>

International Reading Association's Children's Choices
https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/childrens-choices/2016_cc_final.pdf?sfvrsn=10



Suggested Summer Reading List
Entering Grade Four

Books on this list may be borrowed or requested from your local library.
Some may be available in bookstores.

<p>Picture Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The Babe and I by David Adler  The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman by Darcy Pattison  So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George  The Umbrella by Jan Brett  Mortimer Mouse series by Ardith Schneider 	<p>Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Love That Dog by Sharon Creech  Scranimals by Jack Prelutsky  Earthshake: Poems from the Ground Up by Lisa Westberg Peters  A Writing Kind of Day by Ralph Fletcher  Science Verse by Jon Scieszka
<p>Nonfiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  R is for Rhode Island Red by Mark Allio  A River Ran Wild by Lynne Cherry  John, Paul, George and Ben by Lane Smith  I See A Kookaburra by Steve Jenkins  X Science (series) Jacqueline Laks Gorman 	<p>Fairy Tales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg  American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne  Nicholas Pipe by Robert San Souci and David Shannon  The Bunyans by Audrey Wood  Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: a Native American years of moons by Joseph Bruchac  Thunder Boy, Jr. by Sherman Alexie  Rabbits Snow Dance by Joseph Bruchac
<p>Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Gooney Bird Greene by L. Lowry  Geronimo Stilton books  The Penderwicks : A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall  Poppy's Return by Avi  World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney 	<p>Other suggested titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The Houdini Box (Selznick)  Mr. Revere and I (Lawson)  Ramona Quimby (Cleary)  The Lemonade Trick (Corbett)  Wild Fox: A True Story (Mason)  Charlotte's Web (White)  The Keeping Quilt (Polacco)  Sarah, Plain and Tall (MacLachlan)

Also look for:

Cam Jansen, Biographies, Mysteries, Tall Tales, Choose Your Own Adventure,

Suggested authors:

Beverly Cleary; Madeline L'Engle; Matt Christopher; Steven Kellogg; Roald Dahl; E.B. White; Shel Silverstein; Patricia Reilly Giff; Judith Viorst; Jack Prelutsky.



Summer Reading Activities

Suggested Activities for Children Entering Grade 4

1. Build a diorama (shoe-box scene) of a favorite part of the book.
2. Before reading a book to your child, activate prior knowledge. Ask him/her to predict what the story will be about.
3. Talk about things you have read. Make connections to the child's life and the real world.
4. During a read-aloud, ask your child to close his/her eyes and visualize what is happening in the story.
5. Take turns reading sentences, paragraphs, or pages out loud; don't forget to give your child *time* to correct mistakes or use *strategies* for sounding out words.
6. Draw a picture of your favorite part and write your name on it.
7. Join the Westerly Public Library and visit often.
8. Write a summary of the book and email it to a friend or relative.
9. Have discussions and ask questions such as:
 - ◆ Why did a character behave in a certain way?
 - ◆ If you were in a character's shoes, what would you have done?
 - ◆ What might happen next in the story?
 - ◆ What can you learn from the story?
10. Create a PowerPoint presentation (computer) of the sequence of events.
11. Create a crossword puzzle using ideas and key words from the book. Share it with a friend.

Research shows that children who learned to read early...

- ✓ Had someone read to them
- ✓ Read and shared real books
- ✓ Read books over and over again

