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Dear 4th Grade families,

Over the summer it is crucial that your children continue to read in order to maintain the literacy skills they developed during their year to avoid “summer slide.”

Happy summer and happy reading!

The 4th Grade Team

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Level	Title/Author/ISBN #/Book Type	Summary
N	<i>Sidewalk Story</i> Sharon Bell Mathias 9780140321654 Chapter Book	When her best friend's family is evicted from their apartment, Lilly Etta decides to help her friend, even if it means giving up on a new pair of gold earrings.
N	<i>Stories Julian Tells, The</i> Ann Cameron 9780394828923 Chapter Book	Relates episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.
O	<i>Almost Starring Skinny Bones</i> Barbara Parks 9780679805540 Chapter Book	Alex “Skinnybones” Frankovitch is about to become a huge star—in his very own TV commercial! But Alex's big plans for stardom go terribly wrong. Are Alex's days as a Big Celebrity over?
O	<i>Amber Brown Goes Fourth</i> Paula Danziger 9780142409015 Chapter Book	Entering fourth grade, Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friend moves away and her parents divorce.
O	<i>Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds</i> Cynthia Rylant 9780152018931 Picture Book	Lyrical prose and warm watercolor illustrations bring a "certain part of the country called Appalachia" alive for young readers. Two award-winning artists, forever touched by their experiences growing up in this unique landscape, have teamed to create a quietly powerful and beautifully crafted portrait of life in a timeless place.
O	<i>Lavender</i> Karen Hesse 9780753822500 Chapter Book	When Codie's favorite aunt is having a baby, Codie has lots of worries: will the baby and her aunt be all right, will Codie's baby quilt be done on time, and will her aunt still have time for her?

O	<i>Most Beautiful Place in the World, The</i> Ann Cameron 9780440835837 Chapter Book	Abandoned by his mother, Juan lives with his grandmother and shines shoes. He passionately wants to attend school, but fears Grandmother will say no. Finally gathering his courage, he is surprised when she not only agrees to send him to school but also chides him about the importance of standing up for himself.
O	<i>Rats!</i> Paul Zindel 9780786812257 Chapter Book	When mutant rats threaten to take over Staten Island, which has become a huge landfill, fourteen-year-old Sarah and her younger brother Mike try to figure out how to stop them.
O	<i>Seven Kisses in a Row</i> Patricia MacLachlan 9780064402316 Chapter Book	Emma learns to accept "different strokes for different folks" when her aunt and uncle come to take care of her and her brother.
O	<i>Skinnybones</i> Leo Lionni and Barbara Park 978067987895 Chapter Book	When sixth grader Alex Frankovitch boasts about his curve ball, he ends up humiliating himself in front of several classmates during a pitching contest with star pitcher T.J. Stoner. Will Alex ever be able to gain back his dignity?
O	<i>Story of Ruby Bridges</i> Robert Coles 9780439598446 Picture Book	For months six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960.
O	<i>Under the Sunday Tree</i> Eloise Greenfield 978-0064432573 Anthology of Poems	A collection of poems and paintings evoke life in the Bahamas.
O	<i>Wings</i> Christopher Meyers 9780590033770 Chapter Book	Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings, but his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him.
P	<i>Brown Angles: An Album of Pictures and Verse</i> Walter Dean Myers 9780064434553	The distinguished novelist has culled his personal collection of turn-of-the-century photographs of African-American children and composed the verses that accompany this enchanting selection of youngsters.
P	<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i> Roald Dahl 9780142410349 Chapter Book	Mr. Fox is surrounded! He's going to have to come up with a truly fantastic plan to dig himself out of trouble this time.
P	<i>Hundred Dresses, The</i> Eleanor Estes 9780152052607 Chapter Book	A young girl comes to terms with the effects that the teasing of her friends has had on a shy classmate. Though Maddie feels increasingly uncomfortable with the way the other girls — led by her best friend, Peggy — joke with Wanda, she doesn't have the courage to do anything about it. Then one day Wanda stops coming to school. Wanda's absence has everyone thinking twice about the way she was treated.
P	<i>Hundred Penny Box, The</i> Sharon Mathis 9780142407028 Picture Book	Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with them leads him to intercede with his mother, who wants to toss out all her old things.
P	<i>Smoky Night</i> Eve Bunting 9780152018849 Picture Book	Smoky Night is a story about cats — and people — who couldn't get along until a night of rioting brings them together.
P	<i>Songs of Myself: An Anthology of Poems and Art</i> Georgia Heard 9781572557239	This anthology brings together twelve poems and one traditional song about identity and the self with a variety of original art as illustrations.
P	<i>Who Stole The Wizard of Oz?</i> Avi 9780394849928 Chapter Book	The mystery revolves around a rare edition of <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> missing from the local library. When Becky is accused of stealing it, she and her twin brother Toby set out to catch the <i>real</i> thief and prove her innocence. Clues cleverly hidden in four other books lead to a hidden treasure — and a gripping adventure.
P	<i>Wilma Unlimited</i> Kathleen Krull 9780152020989 NF Picture Book	This is the dramatic and inspiring true story of runner Wilma Rudolph, who overcame childhood polio and eventually went on to win three gold medals in a single Olympics.

Q	<i>Fourth Grade Rats</i> Jerry Spinelli 9780590442442 Chapter Book	Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat," to be a grown up fourth grader.
Q	<i>Fudge-a-Mania</i> Judy Blume 9780142408773 Chapter Book	Peter describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge.
Q	<i>Just Juice</i> Karen Hesse 9780590033831 Chapter Book	Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house. Stereotypes are explored in this book.
Q	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i> Richard Atwater and Florence Atwater 9780316058438 Chapter Book	The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.
Q	<i>Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins, The</i> Lester Laminack 9781561451395 - Hardcover Picture Book	Even though Miss Olivia seems unaware of the world around her, when her daughter and her great-grandson come to the nursing home to visit, they awaken happy memories of her past.
R	<i>America Street: A Multicultural Anthology of Stories</i> Anne Mazer 9780892551910 Short Stories	This collection of fourteen stories shows several slices of American life through the past century. The characters, many in their teens, represent a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds.
R	<i>Bat Boy and His Violin</i> Gavin Curtis 978-0689841156 Historical Fiction Picture Book	Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.
R	<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> Kate DiCamillo 9780763616052 Chapter Book	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.
R	<i>Charlotte's Web</i> E.B. White 9780064400558 Chapter Book	This is the story of a little girl named Fern who loves a little pig named Wilbur—and of Wilbur's dear friend Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider who lives with Wilbur in the barn. With the help of Templeton, the rat who never does anything for anybody unless there is something in it for him, and by a wonderfully clever plan of her own, Charlotte saves the life of Wilbur, who is quite some pig.
R	<i>Fig Pudding</i> Ralph Fletcher 9780440412038 Chapter Book	Cliff describes the excitement, conflict, and sudden tragedy experienced by his large and boisterous family during his eleventh year.
R	<i>Frindle</i> Andrew Clements 9780689818769 Chapter Book	When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.
R	<i>Hatchet</i> Gary Paulsen 9781416936473 Chapter Book	Hatchet is the first of five books in the <i>Brian's Saga Series</i> . This is story of a plane crash and how Brian survives, taking all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.
R	<i>Landry News, The</i> Andrew Clements 9780689828683 Chapter Book	Fifth-grader Cara Landry has a passion for journalism and publishes "The Landry News" in her new school. When Cara publishes a searing editorial about her teacher's inability to teach, changes are inevitable. When "The Landry News" is expanded to a class

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R	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> Patricia MacLachlan 9780064402057 Chapter Book	When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.
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R	<i>Shiloh</i> Phyllis Reynolds Naylor 978-0689015250 Chapter Book	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.
R	<i>Sun and Spoon</i> Kevin Henkes 9780141300955 Chapter Book	After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.
S	<i>Amelia to Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World</i> Jacqueline Woodson 0399237496 Picture Book	Biographical sketches of 26 women who have made important contributions in history. The women come from a wide variety of fields—flight, sports, literature, politics, art, music, science, architecture, entertainment, religion, and social movements. The text is accompanied by a bibliography, which may help students learn more about their favorites.
S	<i>Gift Giver, The</i> Joyce Hansen 9780618611232 Chapter Book	The year she is in fifth grade, Doris meets a special friend in her Bronx neighborhood.
S	<i>Great Gilly Hopkins, The</i> Katherine Paterson 978038045963 Chapter Book	An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.
S	<i>Journey</i> Patricia MacLachlan 9780099107514 Picture Book	Left by their mother with their grandparents, two children feel as if their past has been erased until Grandfather finds a way to restore it to them.
S	<i>Mick Harte was Here</i> Barbara Park 9780679882039 Chapter Book	How could someone like Mick die? This is the hilarious kid who freaked his mom out by putting a ceramic eye in a defrosted chicken, who did a wild solo dance in front of the whole school because the music got in his pants, and the kid who, if he'd only worn his bicycle helmet, would still be alive now. Phoebe has great memories of her brother, but cannot see how her family will ever pick up the pieces and move on.

S	<i>Pink and Say</i> Patricia Polacco 978-0590630993 Picture Book	Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and their capture by Southern troops. Based on a true story about the author's great-great-grandfather.
S	<i>Taste of Blackberries</i> Doris Buchanan Smith 978-0064402385 Chapter Book	For a young boy, summer means endless days spent with his best friend, Jamie. Together, these two boys are in constant motion. But summer is interrupted when Jamie is stung by a bee and dies. The young boy who is the narrator of the story learns how Jamie is the victim of a severe allergy.
S	<i>Yellow Bird and Me</i> Joyce Hansen 9780618611164 Chapter Book	In a sequel to THE GIFT-GIVER, Doris reluctantly starts helping Yellow Bird, the class clown, with his reading problem. To her surprise, Doris finds that in caring for and helping Bird, she develops a new friend.
T	<i>Baby</i> Patricia MacLachlan 9780440411451 Chapter Book	Taking care of a baby left with them at the end of the tourist season helps a family come to terms with the death of their own infant.
T	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> Katherine Paterson 9780060734015 Chapter Book	The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.
T	<i>Cassie Binegar</i> Patricia MacLachlan 9780064401951 Chapter Book	During her family's first summer in a weathered old house by the sea, Cassie learns to accept change and to find her own space.
T	<i>Danny, The Champion of the World</i> Roald Dahl 9780142410332 Chapter Book	Ten-year-old Danny lives in a gypsy caravan, works on cars all day, and has a best friend who never runs out of surprises and inventions—his father. When Danny's dad shares the secret passion he's been hiding, the two embark on a unique adventure involving a can't-lose plan sure to make Danny the "champion of the world."
T	<i>I've Seen the Promise Land</i> Walter Dean Myers 9780060277031 Picture Book	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the most celebrated figures of the twentieth century. A crusader for nonviolent social justice, he led African Americans in their demands for equality through peaceful protests during one of the most tumultuous times in recent history.
T	<i>Islander, The</i> Cynthia Rylant 9780440415428 Chapter Book	When Daniel's parents die, he goes to live a lonely life with his grandfather on a remote gray island off British Columbia. The loneliness lifts from Daniel when he meets a mermaid. He returns to the shore hoping to find her again, but instead sees a sea otter, which tosses him a shell. Daniel discovers a very old key inside the shell and is certain it's a gift from the mermaid. What will this magical key unlock?
T	<i>Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The</i> C.S. Lewis 9780064471046 Chapter Book	Four English school children enter the magic land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe and assist Aslan, the golden lion, in defeating the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
T	<i>Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief</i> Wendelin Van Draanen 9780679892649 Chapter Book	Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.
T	<i>Sing Down the Moon</i> Scott O'Dell 978-0440979753 Chapter Book	The Navajo tribe's forced march from their homeland to Fort Sumner by white soldiers and settlers is dramatically and courageously told by young Bright Morning.
T	<i>Tiger Rising</i> Kate DiCamillo 9780763618988 Chapter Book	After Rob's mother dies, and he and his father move to a new town to get a fresh start, he discovers a caged tiger in the woods. An emotionally rich story about a boy caught in the powerful grip of grief.

