

## Grade 4 Suggested Summer Reading List

**Young Abe Lincoln\* by Cheryl Harness** This is a beautifully illustrated biography of a much-loved president who walked many miles to find books he could borrow to read.

**Carolina's Courage by Elizabeth Yates** An act of friendship to an Indian girl helps Carolina's family on their wagon trip west.

**And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?\* by Jean Fritz** You will feel like you are experiencing Paul Revere's ride with him. Did he get through with his message or was he caught? (Yes, trick question!)

**The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal by Cheryl Harness** The history and construction of the Erie Canal come alive in this book of full-color illustrations and detailed diagrams. Learn the catchy song.

**Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater** This chapter book tells the adventure of having penguins for pets. Do you give them an icebox to live in? climb snowpiles in your living room?

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8\* by Beverly Cleary** Ramona has a rough year in third grade, but she enjoys DEAR (Drop Everything And Read). Why don't you try some DEAR this summer?

**The Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky** This well-illustrated picture biography of an early Greek geographer shows it's easy to measure the size of the earth, if you know how!

**The Mouse and the Motorcycle\* by Beverly Cleary** Be ready to laugh as you read the adventures of the Mouse who learns how to ride the Boy's toy motorcycle. Ralph Mouse saves the day, bringing a much-needed aspirin to the Boy in the toy ambulance. Be sure to have someone to make the sounds!

**The Little Riders by Margaret Shemin** How can the Dutch girl Johanna save the riders from the Nazis?

**First Apple by Ching Russell** Ying works very hard to earn enough to buy her grandmother an apple, a rarity in China in the 1940's.

**Clara Barton\* by Augusta Stevenson** Try a Childhood of Famous Americans for a good biography.

**Stone Fox by John Gardiner** How can Little Willy and his beloved dog Searchlight save the farm for Grandfather? Have your tissues ready for the ending of this tale!

**Train to Somewhere by Eve Bunting** Don't miss this picture book on the Orphan Train times as Marianne goes west looking for her mother but finds a family and a home.

**Lassie Come Home by Rosemary Wells** This slightly abridged and lavishly illustrated version will make you admire Lassie for all his perseverance and love.

**Little House on the Prairie\* by Laura Ingalls Wilder** Read any of these classic, famed pioneer stories for a wonderful look at warm family life and exciting adventures on the prairie. Or try the other series about Caroline (by Wilkes), Martha, Charlotte (by Wiley), and Rose (by MacBride).

**Polar the Titanic Bear by Daisy Spedden** This is a touching true story of the sinking of the Titanic, written using a homemade booklet created by a mother for her son, retelling their experiences and rescue from the ship.

**Prairie School by Avi** Noah, an outdoorsy boy, does not agree with his Aunt Dora that he should learn to read until she reads to him about nature as he pushes her wheelchair to explore the wide prairie.

**Mammalibilia\* by Douglas Florian** These poems/word plays are matched perfectly with the artwork.

**Tekko and the White Man\* by Alie Vogelaar** Follow a young native on the mission field as he dares to ask the missionaries for help with his sick little sister.

\* These books are from a series, and you may enjoy reading more books from the series.