

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 4**

The 13th Floor : A Ghost Story - Fleischman, Sid. Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1997, c1995. 134p

When his older sister disappears, twelve-year-old Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth-century pirate ship captained by a distant relative.

Birdbrain Amos - Delaney, M. C. Philomel Books, c2002. 153p

When Amos the hippopotamus advertises for a bird to help him with his bug problem, the tick bird who answers his ad creates a different set of problems for him by building a nest on Amos's head.

The Charm Bracelet - Rodda, Emily. HarperCollins, 2003. 113p

When Jessie searches for her ill grandmother's missing charm bracelet, she is led to a magical world and finds she has a reason and right to be there.

Dog Days - Citra, Becky. Orca Book, c2003. 93p

Brady must overcome his fear of dogs if he wants to make friends in a new town.

Flight of the Genie - Abbott, Tony. Scholastic, c2004. 122p

Eric and his friends try to rescue Hoja the genie from the city of Ut, which is contained in a tiny bottle.

Fourth Grade Rats - Spinelli, Jerry. Scholastic, c1991. 84p

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.

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup - Creech, Sharon. Joanna Cotler Books, c2003. 141p

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

The Lemonade Trick - Corbett, Scott. Scholastic, c1988. 103p

A brew from his magic chemistry set changes Kerby into a perfect gentleman; unfortunately, it has the opposite effect on good boys.

Sea Clocks : The Story of Longitude - Borden, Louise. Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2004. 48p

Presents an illustrated account of eighteenth-century Englishman John Harrison's forty-year quest to create a perfectly accurate sea clock that would allow sailors to measure longitude.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School - Sachar, Louis. Avon, 1998, c1978. 118p
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

So You Want to be President? - St. George, Judith. Philomel Books, c2000. 52p
Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

The Tale of Despereaux : Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread - DiCamillo, Kate. Candlewick Press, 2003. 267p
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.