

Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming 4th Graders



Summer is a great time to travel, not only physically, but mentally. When you read a book, you can “travel” in your mind, to other times and other places. Your assignment to prepare for 4th Grade is to read, from start to finish, at least TWO chapter books. Of course, you can read more than two!

First, have a parent use the paper received in your child’s report card folder to register on Biblionarium.com. If you need another copy, please e-mail the teacher. Follow the directions for a “first time Biblionarium parent”. Once you are registered, you will see your teacher’s “bookshelf”. You can choose to read from any of the books that are shown on the shelf. Choose books that appeal to you and that are at an appropriate reading level for you. Ask Mom or Dad for help if you don’t really know whether a book is a good fit for you. If there is a book that you really want to read that you do not see listed, PLEASE email us and let us know so that we can add it! The idea is for you to ENJOY reading this summer.

You are required to write TWO book reviews this summer. Once you have read a book, click on the book in Biblionarium, then click on the “Review It” tab. There you can give it a star review (1-5), and write a 1 paragraph review of the book. (Look at the example on the back of this page to help you!)

Star Review scale:

- 5 Stars: I'm glad I read it or I loved it (this doesn't mean it was your favorite book ever).
- 4 Stars: I like it. It's worth reading.
- 3 Stars: It was okay.
- 2 Stars: I don't like it at all.
- 1 Star: I hate it.

Some questions to consider when writing your review:

- What is the book about? You don't need to tell the whole story over — just give an idea of what it's about.
 - What kind of book is it? (Picture book? Historical fiction? Nonfiction? Fantasy? Adventure?)
 - Does the book belong to a series?
 - Is it an easy or a challenging read?
 - Who are the characters? What do you like or dislike about them?
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- Why do you think other readers would enjoy it? Why did you enjoy it or why didn't you?
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Sample Book Review (The Kid Who Ran For President):

“Judson Moon is just your everyday 12 year old kid from New York City until he gets a crazy idea from his elderly friend, Mrs. Syers. “Run for President” she says. He picks his campaign manager and they are off to try and change some laws and free all kids from homework. But as soon as the voting begins he notices it's not all fun and games. I think Judson is an interesting character because he was outgoing and he was brave. He stayed in the race even though he was starting to lose in the polls. He never gave up and he made it to the General Election.

This book made me feel like I could do anything, because if a kid could have a chance at being president, anything is truly possible. My favorite part of the book was when they were at the party and were waiting for the results from the General Election. The suspense was killing me when I read that part. I could not wait to turn the page to see who won. I would recommend this book to kids who like politics. This book is great for boys and girls ages 9-11.”
