

## 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING

By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level! Happy Reading!

Dear Parents,

This summer all rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders must read *The Lemonade War* by: Jacqueline Davies, plus 1 other book of their choice. Students must complete one of the projects listed using the book of their choice.

### **Must Read: The Lemonade War by: Jacqueline Davies**

The required novel provides an opportunity for fourth graders to share a common reading experience and serves as a jumping off point for classroom activities at the beginning of the school year. After a discussion and review the students will be given a test.

### **Additional Reading: Pick at least 1 other book of your choice and complete one of the project choices listed below. (It may NOT be on The Lemonade War )**

**Required Summer Project:** I'm sure you will be doing a lot of reading for fun this summer! Choose one book that you particularly enjoyed, and complete one of the projects below. The project is due on the first day of school and will be presented during the first week of school, so do your best work!

**Project #1:** Create a 3 dimensional model of your favorite character and dress him/her as he/she dressed in the book. As you read look for specific words or phrases that the author uses to describe the character. Write a 2 – 3 paragraph summary of this character describing why you chose this character and why you think the character looks this way. Reader Beware: Do NOT rely on the picture from the front cover to tell you what the character looks like; use the author's own words.

**Project #2:** Imagine that you are the author of the book you just read. The book becomes a best seller. Write a 2-3 paragraph summary to a movie producer trying to get the person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play various roles.

**Project #3:** Create a four- page mini comic book relating to one chapter in the book. The mini comic book should have the following; color illustrations, dialogue (conversation bubbles to show characters talking to each other), specific information from the text (actual events that happened), a cover page, and a title page referencing the chapter and page numbers used.

**Project #4:** Pretend that you are going to join the characters in the story. What will you need to pack and why? Think carefully because you will be there for one week and there is no going home to get anything. This project should include the following on one page: a drawing of a suitcase with drawings of each item that will be placed in the suitcase, and on a separate page 2 – 3 paragraphs explaining what items were chosen, why these items were chosen, and how they will be used in the story.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Project Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Summer Reading Project Rubric

**Remember** that the entire presentation should be 3-5 min. If you are not within the time limit, there will be an automatic 5-point deduction.

If you forget any of the numbers listed below, and need to be reminded, you will automatically lose half of the points for that category.

Category Description	Possible Points	Points Earned
1. Your name is on your project.	5	
2. State the title and author of your book	10	
3. Tell the genre of the book (the category of the book ex: biography, realistic fiction, historical fiction etc...)	5	
4. Project presentation. (Choices 1-4)	25	
5. Share a brief summary of your book. Tell us enough to get us interested, but not so much that it ruins the ending.	15	
6. Presentation: ( use expression, speak clearly and loudly, eye contact, and easy to understand)	10	
7. Prepared: (Rehearsed and ready on due date)	10	
8. Give the book a rating of 1-5 stars, depending on how well you liked it. The more you liked it, the more stars you will give. Explain to the class why you rated it the way you did.	10	
9. Project was presented within the time limit, Yes/No	10	
10.Total points earned	100	