SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

Fourth Grade
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| **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**  
by Kelly Regan Barnhill  
Luna, whose magical abilities are emerging, was raised in the forest by a witch, a swamp monster, and a dragon, but when a young man from the Protectorate is determined to kill the witch, Luna must use her magic to protect her family. | **Aru Shah and the End of Time**  
by Roshani Chokshi  
Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. |
| **The Creature of the Pines**  
by Adam Gidwitz  
After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers. | **The Seventh Wish**  
by Kate Messner  
Unsure of how to get her family’s attention, Charlie comes across the surprise of her life one day while ice-fishing, in the form of a floppy, scaly fish offering to grant her a wish in exchange for its freedom. |
| **The Wild Robot**  
by Peter Brown  
Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island’s hostile inhabitants. | **Wings of Fire: the dragonet prophecy**  
by Barry Deutsch  
Determined to end a generations-long war among the seven dragon tribes, a secret movement called the Talons of Peace draws on a prophecy that calls for a great sacrifice, compelling five appointed dragonets to fulfill a painful destiny against their will. |
| **Dragons in a Bag**  
by Zetta Elliott  
In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling. | **Talespinners: saving Fable**  
by Scott Reintgen  
Indira Story grew up in Origin, yearning to be the hero of her own story, but after finally being chosen to attend Protagonist Preparatory, she learns that side characters can be heroes, too. |
| **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**  
by Kate DiCamillo  
Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories. | **Broken Pride**  
by Erin Hunter  
When the lone rule of the African plains is violated, the task of keeping the fragile peace between predators and prey is left to a cast-out lion, an intuitive elephant, and an honor-seeking baboon. |
Ms. Bixby’s Last Day
by John David Anderson
Loving their gifted teacher, three boys are dismayed when the teacher falls ill and leaves for the rest of the school year, a situation that compels them to share their stories while cutting class and journeying across town together on a fateful day.

Saving Winslow
by Sharon Creech
When his father brings home an ailing, newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone, including Louie’s quirky friend Nora, thinks Winslow is not going to survive. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

Louisiana’s Way Home
by Kate DiCamillo
Louisiana Elefante’s granny wakes her up in the middle of the night and tells her they need to leave home immediately, and this time Granny intends for them never to return. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

Song for a Whale
by Lynne Kelly
Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris’s plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

The Unteachables
by Gordon Korman
Told in alternating voices, the teacher and students in room 117 find their lives changed over the course of a school year. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

The Season of Styx Malone
by Kekla Magoon
Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer with their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

Caterpillar Summer
by Gillian McDunn
Helping to care for her beloved special-needs brother in the years after their father’s passing, Cat suffers a personal setback that prompts her to visit the home of the grandparents she has never met, where she finds renewal in simply being able to be a kid. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

The Boy at the Back of the Class
by Onjali Q. Raúf
When a Syrian refugee boy joins their class, the determined students in Mrs. Kahn’s schoolroom learn the newcomer’s sad story before concocting a plan to reunite him with his loved ones. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

Solving for M
by Jennifer Swender
Confused about how keeping a math journal will support her education, Mika is separated from her friends at the beginning of the fifth grade and finds the journal unexpectedly helpful in the face of a difficult loss at home. 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

Rain Reign
by Ann M. Martin
Struggling with Asperger’s, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.
**Mystery**

**The Magic Misfits**
by Neil Patrick Harris
A young street magician teams up with other talented street kids to save their town from a crime boss and his goons.

**Bad Magic**
by Pseudonymous Bosch
Believing that magic is fake and cheesy, young Clay is shocked when he is wrongly blamed for vandalism when words from his journal magically appear on a wall at school, an occurrence that causes Clay to be sent to a camp for troubled kids on a remote volcanic island where he encounters more magic than he ever thought possible.

**Mac Undercover**
by Mac Barnett
From the esteemed New York Times best-selling and multi-award-winning author comes a hilarious, fully illustrated new spy adventure series that introduces Mac B., the queen of England’s newest secret agent, who travels around the globe in search of stolen treasures.

**The Door at the End of the World**
by Caroline Carlson
Thirteen-year-old Lucy Eberslee, the Gatekeeper’s deputy at the end of the world, teams up with Arthur and Rosemary, who are from other worlds, to investigate why the doors between worlds are stuck.

**Three Times Lucky**
by Sheila Turnage
Making a home in a small North Carolina town where she washed up as a baby during a hurricane 11 years earlier, sixth-grader Mo taps the power of her strong will and tough attitude when a lawman arrives in town to investigate a murder case that threatens to destabilize Mo’s adopted family.

**Adventure**

**The Many Worlds of Albie Bright**
by Christopher Edge
A highly anticipated, humorous tale written in part to help connect students with STEM science concepts follows the adventures of a boy in search of his mother in a parallel universe after her cancer-related passing, a journey that leads to surprising discoveries.

**The Last Kids on Earth**
by Max Brallier
“After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg”.

**Dactyl Hill Squad. Book one**
by Daniel José Older
During the Civil War, orphan Magdalys Roca is just trying to survive, but when she receives a letter telling her that her brother Montez is wounded, she is determined to reach him and her ability to communicate telepathically with dinosaurs may help.

**The Lincoln Project**
by Dan Gutman
Invited by billionaire Miss Z to travel through time and photograph some of history’s most important events, Luke, Isabel, David, and Julia are sent to the year 1863 to capture Abraham Lincoln delivering the Gettysburg Address.

**The Nebula Secret**
by Trudi Strain Trueit
Leaving tranquil Hawaii to join other students at Explorer Academy, where the world’s leading scientists train them to become the next generation of elite explorers, Cruz discovers that his family has a mysterious past that could jeopardize his future.
### Historical Fiction

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<td><em>Bird in a Box</em></td>
<td>Andrea Davis Pinkney</td>
<td>In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans, and, while not all orphans, they are all dealing with grief and loss which they try to overcome with the help of a sympathetic staff member and the boxing matches of Joe Louis.</td>
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<td><em>Rescue on the Oregon Trail</em></td>
<td>Kate Messner</td>
<td>When Ranger, a golden retriever, unearths a mysterious box which transports him back to the year 1850, he joins the Abbott family and travels west along the Oregon Trail.</td>
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<td><em>Unbound : a novel in verse</em></td>
<td>Ann E Burg</td>
<td>Promising to remain unobtrusive and discreet when she is called from the slave cabins to work in the Big House, Grace is unable to stay silent when she witnesses the numerous cruelties of heartless slave owners who brutalize and separate slave families.</td>
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<td><em>Finding Langston</em></td>
<td>Lesa Cline-Ransome</td>
<td>Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.</td>
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<td><em>Genevieve's War</em></td>
<td>Patricia Reilly Giff</td>
<td>After deciding not to return to her home in New York, Genevieve remains with her grandmother in Alsace, France, and joins the French resistance against the Nazis.</td>
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### Non-Fiction

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<td><em>Hidden Figures : the true story of four black women and the space race</em></td>
<td>Margot Lee Shetterly</td>
<td>Explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them despite their groundbreaking successes.</td>
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<td><em>Pass Go and Collect $200 : the real story of how Monopoly was invented</em></td>
<td>Tanya Lee Stone</td>
<td>&quot;A nonfiction picture book history of Monopoly, one of the world's most famous games&quot;.</td>
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<td><em>Pop! : the invention of bubble gum</em></td>
<td>Meghan McCarthy</td>
<td>Traces the 1928 invention of bubble gum by a hard-working accountant at a candy company, describing how in his spare time he experimented with different recipes and ingredients to eventually create the product known today as Double Bubble.</td>
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<td><em>Avalanche Dog Heroes : Piper and friends learn to search the snow</em></td>
<td>Elizabeth Rusch</td>
<td>&quot;Follow Piper the border collie and her canine classmates through a season of avalanche rescue training. As they learn the skills they need to become snow rescue heroes, you'll learn about avalanche safety and the work these amazing dogs do.&quot;</td>
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Graphic Novels

The Cardboard Kingdom
by Chad Sell
A team of neighbor kids use their imaginations and creativity to transform cardboard materials into fantastical homemade costumes that help them navigate conflicts with friends, family and their own identities, in a collaborative graphic novel that includes contributions by such authors as Jay Fuller, David DeMeo and Katie Schenkel.

The Night Door
by Frank Cammuso
When Edison Beaker discovers that the family extermination business is a front for creature hunting, he and his sister Tesla encounter a world full of monsters and an adventure to restore the keystone to the Night Door.

Sidekicks
by Dan Santat
When Captain Amazing feels he is getting too old to be a reliable superhero, he tries to hire a new sidekick, but his pets have different ideas.

I am Hermes! : mischief-making messenger of the gods
by Mordicai Gerstein
A laugh-out-loud graphic-novel rendering of the story of Hermes, the fun-loving messenger of the gods, draws on classical mythology to depict how his mischievous antics led to the invention of music.

Guts
by Raina Telgemeier
Developing a chronic stomachache that she initially dismisses as a bug, young Raina discovers that her symptoms are related to her anxieties about school, food and changing friendships, in a story based on the Eisner Award-winning author’s childhood.

Classics

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
by Roald Dahl
The Roald Dahl classic follows the experiences of an impoverished, chocolate-loving little boy and four brats who each becomes the lucky recipient of a golden ticket that grants them all a tour of the world’s most fantastical chocolate factory.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
by C. S. Lewis
Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Where the Sidewalk Ends : the poems & drawings of Shel Silverstein
by Shel Silverstein
A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author’s own drawings.

Charlotte’s Web
by E. B. White
Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer’s Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

The Phantom Tollbooth
by Norton Juster
Discovering a large toy tollbooth in his room, bored ten-year-old Milo drives through the tollbooth’s gates and begins a memorable journey to the Kingdom of Wisdom with a watchdog named Tuck.