

Students Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Suggestions for Summer Reading



***Smarter Than Squirrels: Down Girl and Sit*** by Lucy Nolan

A story told from the perspective of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl. This book recounts Down Girl's adventures with her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named Here Kitty Kitty.

***A Mouse Called Wolf*** by Dick King-Smith

Wolfgang Amadeus Mouse ("Wolf," for short) has a big name for such a little mouse. But the name fits. His favorite pastime is listening to Mrs. Honeybee, the lady of the house, play the piano. If only he could sing along to the music! One day, Wolf decides to try -- and to his surprise, out of his mouth comes a perfect melody. It's not long before Wolf is singing everything from "Three Blind Mice" to the Beatles, all to Mrs. Honeybee's accompaniment. Then an accident leaves Mrs. Honeybee in danger, and it's up to Wolf to save her... the only way he knows how.

***Drita, My Homegirl*** by Jenny Lombard

Drita and her family come to New York as refugees from war-torn Kosovo. Even though she barely speaks English, Drita can't wait to start school and make a new best friend. But her new classmates don't make it easy, teasing her about virtually everything. The worst is Maxie, a tough African-American girl whose sassy attitude hides a painful secret. When Maxie takes things too far, their teacher assigns Maxie a paper on Drita and her journey to America from Kosovo. Suddenly, Maxie realizes she and Drita have more in common than she thought. And when Drita's mother gets sick, there's only one person who can help—Drita's new homegirl.

***The Night I Flunked My Field Trip*** by Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver

Hank is thrilled about the "Best Field Trip of the Year"—everyone from Ms. Adolph's class gets to spend the night on an old-fashioned three-mast sailing ship in New York Harbor! And Hank gets even more excited when the ship's captain chooses him to be the first mate. But being first mate is not all it's cracked up to be, especially for a crazy captain who takes his job a little too seriously. The best field trip of the year is becoming the worst night of Hank's life—how's he going to get out of this one?

***No Talking*** by Andrew Clements

You have the right to remain silent." However...The fifth-grade girls and the fifth-grade boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well. The *real* problem is that these kids are loud and disorderly. Then one day Dave Packer, a certified loudmouth, bumps into an idea -- a big one that makes him try to keep quiet for a whole day. What does Dave hear during lunch? A *girl*, Lynsey Burges, jabbering away. Dave breaks his silence and lobs an insult. Those words spark a contest: Which team can say *the fewest words* during two whole days? It's the boys against the girls. How do the teachers react to the silence? What happens when the principal feels she's losing control? Will Dave and Lynsey plunge the whole school into chaos?