

June, 2009

Dear Incoming Fourth-Grader,

Everyone is looking forward to the summer! However it's important to keep using the skills you learned in third grade, so you will be prepared for fourth grade. The fourth-grade teachers have created a summer reading program to keep you reading!

Choose one book to read over the summer:

CHALLENGE

1. In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson- Bette Bao Lord

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2. Skinnybones- Barbara Park
3. Shiloh- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

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4. Chocolate Fever- Robert Kimmel Smith
5. Mr. Popper's Penguins- Richard and Florence Atwater

As you read, take notes on the **story elements of characters, setting, and plot** (the story problem, important story events and solution). In September on the first week of fourth grade, you will be asked to write an essay about the book you read. Please bring your book and any notes that you have taken. You will be allowed to use the books and notes while writing your essay. In addition, you will receive a grade for the essay.

Enjoy your summer, sit in the shade and read these wonderful books! See you in September!

The Fourth-Grade Teachers

