

Summer Reading List Woodside School 2011

Incoming Fourth Grade Students Should Read A Minimum of 3 Books

Guided Reading Level is Noted in Parentheses

(O) *Kenny and the Dragon* by, Tony DiTerlizzi: When the simple folks in the sleepy little village of Roundbrook catch wind that there's a dragon running loose in the countryside, they get the wrong idea and the stage is set for a fight to the death. So it's up to Kenny to give his neighbors front-row seats to one of the best-known battles in history, the legendary showdown between St. George and the dragon, without losing a friend in the fray.

(O) *Katie Kazoo Switceroo: Whose Afraid of Fouth Grade* by, Nancy Krulik: At first, Katie and her friends can't wait to enter the fourth grade! But with the pressure of new classes, teachers, and friends, Katie isn't so sure she likes it after all. And to make matters worse, the magic wind appears twice-and turns her into her new friend Emma Weber and then into her former best friend Suzanne as she's about to make her fashion runway debut! What's a fourth-grader to do?

(O) *Henry Huggins* by, Beverly Cleary: Henry Huggins feels that nothing very interesting ever happens to him. But from the moment a stray dog in the drugstore begs for a taste of his ice-cream cone and downs it in one gulp, everything is different. Henry names the dog Ribsy, and decides to keep him. And that's the beginning of Henry's exciting new life!

(O) *Toronado* by, Betsy Byars: As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

(O) *The Ghost Pony* by, Jeanne Betancourt: While exploring trails around the abandoned Ridley Farm, the Pony Pals find a horseshoe and other objects from the late 1800s. Could there really be a ghost pony haunting the farm? Part of the Pony Pal series.

(O) *Pippi Longstocking* by, Astrid Lindgren: Join in the escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey, but without any parents, at the edge of a Swedish village. When she's not dancing with the burglars who were just trying to rob her house, she's attempting to learn the "pluttification" tables at school; fighting Adolf, the strongest man in the world at the circus; or playing tag with police officers

(O) *Miss Piggle-Wiggle* by, Betty MacDonald: From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle issues to parents her marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answerbackism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis.

(O) *Kristy's Great Idea* by, Ann Martin: Kristy and her friends decide to organize a Baby-sitters Club. They have fun and make money but they also run into several problems. This is the first book in the popular Babysitter's Club series.

(P) *Bandit's Moon* by, Sid Fleischman: Annyrose ventures forth to find her long-lost brother Lank in gold-digging territory. But the journey is rough, bandits and fiends waiting for the traveler at every bend. Soon Annyrose runs into Joaquin Marieta, legendary bandit of the Gold Rush, and forms an alliance with him. In a time when corruption and greed are running wild, will their friendship be more than fool's gold?

(P) *Danger on Panther Peak* by, Bill Wallace: When Tom moves to his grandfather's ranch, Grandpa warns Tom to stay away from Panther Peak, even though there hasn't been a panther in the area for decades. But when Tom sees a large, black creature in the mountains he has to wonder -- could Grandpa's tales about panthers be true?

(P) *Betsy and the Boys* by, Carolyn Haywood: It's a new year, and Betsy has a new wish: She is going to play football on the boys' team. Of course, the boys refuse to play football with a girl. That is, until Betsy and Mr. Kilpatrick cook up a secret plan to win Betsy a spot on the team . . .

(P) *A Lion to Guard Us* by, Robert Clyde Bulla: Left on their own when their father leaves London to live in the new colony of Virginia, three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together during a dangerous journey to find their father.

(P) *Riding Freedom*: by Pam Muñoz Ryan: A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

(P) *Junkyard Dog* by, Erika Tamar: With the advice of her stepfather, eleven-year-old Katie takes on the job of feeding an abused junkyard dog and building it a doghouse for shelter during the hard winter.

(P) *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* by, Michael Morpurgo: When Michael is given his grandmother Laura's diary he is transported back in time to 1907, the year that Laura's twin brother, Billy, disappears. Then a storm devastates everything on the Scilly Island and it seems there's little hope... that is until the Zanzibar is wrecked on the island's rocks and everything changes.

(P) *Worst Witch* by, Jill Murphy: Mildred Hubble is the worst witch at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches - she's always getting her spells wrong. But she manages to get by until she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet, into her deadly enemy.

(P) *Twits* by, Roald Dahl: The misadventures of two terrible old people who enjoy playing nasty tricks and are finally outwitted by a family of monkeys.

(P) *Sideways Stories From Wayside School* by, Lois Sachar: The Wayside School was supposed to be one story high, with 30 classrooms side by side; instead, it was built sideways, with 30 one-classroom stories. As befits such a strange school, these tales are a bit strange too. In one, Jason is stuck to his seat by a large wad of chewing gum. His teacher tries throwing ice water on him (to chill the gum to brittleness) and turning him upside down. She even contemplates cutting his pants off. Finally, though, he falls from his upside-down position when kissed (ugh!) by one of the girls in the class.

(Q) *Fablehaven* by, Brandon Mull: When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

(Q) *Hard Gold: The Colorado Gold Rush of 1859: A Tale of the Old West* by, Avi: Uncle Jesse heads west to Pike's Peak to prospect for gold with the hope of saving the family farm. His 14-year old nephew, Early, joins a family heading west in order to warn Jesse that the law is on his trail because of his alleged involvement in a bank robbery.

(Q) *Tango: The Tale of An Island Dog* by, Eileen Beha: Lost at sea while sailing with his wealthy owners, a Yorkshire terrier washes up, nearly dead, in a village on Prince Edward Island where he is nursed back to health by a lonely widow and is befriended by a fox and an abandoned waif who is also struggling to find a home for herself somewhere.

(Q) *The Box Car Children* by, Gertrude Chandler Warner: One warm night four children stood in front of a bakery. No one knew them. No one knew where they had come from. Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny were orphans--Boxcar Children--looking for a place to live, determined to make it on their own

(Q) *Jim Ugly* by, Sid Fleischman: Jake cannot believe that his actor-father is dead and he is an orphan. All he has left is his father's wolflike dog, Jim Ugly. Jake hears talk about a fortune in missing diamonds, he wonders if his father is hiding out somewhere. Jake feels sure that Jim Ugly has the nose to pick up his father's trail. Does he?

(Q) *Little House in the Big Woods* by, Laura Ingalls Wilder: What was it like to grow up on the frontier? Find out in book one of this series that tells the truth about wild animals, wild cowboys and Indians, and daily survival. Based on a true-life story.

(Q) *Betsy-Tacy* by, Maud Hart Lovelace: There are lots of children on Hill Street, but no little girls Betsy's age. So when a new family moves into the house across the street, Betsy and a little girl named Tacy become such good friends that everyone starts to think of them as one person: Betsy-Tacy. Find out what happens next in *Betsy, Tacy and Tib*.

(Q) *Meet Kirsten: An American Girl* by, Janet Beeler Shaw: Kirsten, a pioneer girl of strength and spirit settles on the frontier. The story is about her friends and families, their struggles and successes, their sad times and celebrations, their secrets and adventures. Part of the American Girl series so read more of these.

(Q) *Nancy Drew Mystery Stories: The Secret of the Old Clock* by, Carolyn Keene: Will Crowley's poor relatives claim that he had included them in his will, but other relatives seem to have the only copy of the will. And therefore, the fortune. Nancy begins searching for Crowley's missing clock, which reportedly contains a clue to the will's location. She encounters a series of obstacles...Will she solve the case?

(Q) *The Tower Treasure: A Hardy Boys Mystery* by, Franklin Dixon: Tower Mansion has been robbed. Hurd Applegate, the owner of the mansion, is certain that Henry Robinson, his caretaker, is responsible. Henry, however, is the father of one Frank and Joe Hardy's closest school chums and they are convinced of his innocence.