

Dear Parents,

A primary goal of the Farmington Public Schools' reading program is to develop a lifelong desire to read for both pleasure and knowledge acquisition. The Farmington Summer Reading Program is a collaboration between the Farmington Public Schools and the Farmington Libraries. The program is designed to encourage students to continue the reading "habit" throughout the summer months. This extended reading opportunity will sustain reading achievement and expand reading interests.

Parents are children's first teachers and your support is critical in reinforcing our expectation that every student participate in the Farmington Summer Reading Program. Perhaps the best way to show your support is to find some quiet summer reading time yourself and let your youngster see how much you enjoy the experience of reading. When parents, teachers, school and public librarians offer encouragement through the Summer Reading Program, thousands of Farmington young people will reap the benefits that only time spent reading can provide.

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*Keeping Farmington's elementary students excited about reading during the summer months is the central goal of the school librarians, and the Farmington Library staff as they select books for the newest edition of the Farmington Elementary Reading Lists (2010). The librarians diligently read, discuss and select books that will encourage children to imagine, make connections, and gain information as they read. We hope you enjoy many of the books on the lists and find other exciting books at the library during the summer.*

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**1. Read every day!** This packet gives you many suggestions for books from a wide range of authors and genres. Some books will be easy while others are more difficult. You should choose to read the books that are just right for you and that you enjoy. It is okay to read the same books again and again. Summer reading should be fun and interesting!

**2.** Each time you finish a book, **record the title and the author on the book log “Make A Splash READ”**, that can be found on the Public Library website [www.farmingtonlibraries.org](http://www.farmingtonlibraries.org). or printed out from the Farmington Public Schools website [www.fpsct.org](http://www.fpsct.org). You are invited to bring your book log to the library over the summer to be stamped and to collect a prize. **Bring this log to school on the first day.** We are planning to celebrate all the good reading students have done over the summer!

**3.** In the fall, your new teacher will be anxious to get to know you as a reader. **At the end of the summer, answer the questions on the form on the next page. Be sure to bring it to school with your book log and hand it in to your new teacher.** Your teacher will want to spend some time talking with you about your book choices and reading interests. This form will help get this important conversation started.

**Dear Parents,**

Summer is a wonderful time to explore new authors and genre in literature and to keep children motivated to read by choosing books that are easy and fun. The lists here include a range of levels so that every child can find something “just right,” even if that means reading books from another grade level’s list.

The staff at the Farmington public libraries is eager to help students find these and other books your children will want to read, so we encourage you to take frequent trips to the library to take advantage of all that they can offer.

<b>Name:</b>
<b>School:</b>
<b>Grade:</b>

**What kinds of books do you like to read?**

**What do you like to read about?**

**Do you have any favorite authors?**

**What was the best book you read over the summer?**

**What would you like me to know about you as a reader?**



## Entering Grade 4 Summer Reading List



### Fiction

Abbott, Tony

Secrets of Droon – Series Eric and his friends find a hidden staircase in Eric’s basement. This is the first adventure into the amazing world of Droon.

Bauer, Marion Dane

Bear Named Trouble In the wilds of Alaska, not following the rules can lead to more than trouble. Jonathan, the new zookeeper’s son, finds this out the hard way.

Byars, Betsy and  
Betsy Duffey and  
Laurie Myers

My Dog, My Hero (or other books by this award winning author and her daughters) Eight stories about dogs competing for a “my hero” award. Which dog would you pick as the winner?

Cameron, Ann

Gloria’s Way - Series Have you read books about Julian and Huey? Now you can read about their friend Gloria, and some special times with family and friends.

Cleary, Beverly

The Mouse and the Motorcycle – Series The first book about Ralph S. Mouse, who learns to ride a boy’s toy motorcycle.

Coville, Bruce

Moongobble and Me – Series Edward, his faithful dragon Fireball, the Rusty Knight and Urk the toad help Moongobble complete Mighty Tasks.

Delaney, M.C.

Birdbrain Amos – Series Laugh-out-loud stories about Amos, the hippopotamus, and the birds that live with him.

Greenburg, J.C.

Andrew Lost – Series Ten-year-old Andrew and his super-smart robot are always inventing trouble.

Gutman, Dan

Baseball Card Adventures – Series Joe meets many famous sports figures traveling through time using vintage baseball cards.

Hermes, Patricia

My America – Series Read the diaries and journals of young boys and girls who lived through some of history’s most famous moments.

Kelly, Katy	<u>Lucy Rose – Series</u> Jump into the life of Lucy Rose as she adjusts to her move to Washington D.C. along with adventures in her new school and neighborhood.
King-Smith, Dick	<u>Funny Frank (or other books by this author)</u> Frank is a chicken with a big dream. He plans on becoming a duck. Unfortunately, he’s just not duck material.
Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie	<u>Canada Geese Quilt (or other books by this author)</u> Concerned about changes to come, a young girl and her grandmother make a very special quilt.
Look, Lenore	<u>Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything (or other books by this author)</u> Ruby Lu’s deaf cousin arrives from China as Ruby Lu has summer school adventures.
Maddox, Jake	<u>Free Throw (or other books by this author)</u> Since Derek is now the tallest player on his basketball team, the coach decides to have him play center, but Jason, the former center, has little confidence in Derek and will not pass him the ball.
McDonald, Megan	<u>Judy Moody or Stink – Series</u> Enjoy the world according to Judy Moody and her brother Stink. Sometimes good and sometimes not, there’s never a dull moment when these characters have something to say about it.
McKissack, Patricia	<u>Away West – Scraps of Time Series</u> In 1879, Everett Turner, thirteen, runs away from farm life and joins a group of African Americans heading West to begin new lives. Everett learns to handle horses, and realizes his dreams.
McMullan, Kate	<u>Dragon Slayer’s Academy – Series</u> Follow the adventures of Wiglaf and the other Dragon-Slayers-in-training as they use their wits to outsmart their enemies.
Miles, Ellen	<u>Goldie - Puppy Place Series</u> Much against their parents' wishes, Charles and Lizzie Peterson adopt a puppy they name Goldie; but she turns out to be more difficult than they imagined.
Moss, Marissa	<u>Amelia Hits the Road</u> Ten-year-old Amelia fills a notebook with her thoughts and drawings during a summer trip.

- Polacco, Patricia My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother (or other books by this author) A young girl wishes on a falling star after losing running, climbing, throwing, and burping competitions to her older brother.
- Richardson, Charisse K. Real Slam Dunk and The Real Lucky Charm Marcus and his twin sister Mia learn life lessons through sports.
- Roy, Ron Who Broke Lincoln's Thumb? – Capital Mystery Series KC and Marshall discover that one of the thumbs has been broken off the statue in the Lincoln Memorial and set out to find what happened before a ceremony honoring the sculptor.
- San Souci, Robert D. The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South (or other folktales by this author) Jerry Pinkney's illustrations bring to life the magical happenings faced by our Cinderella-type heroine.
- Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective – Series Leroy Brown, the world's youngest super sleuth, matches wits with a collection of criminals. Can you solve these mysteries before Encyclopedia does?
- Wallace, Bill Upchuck and the Rotten Willy – Series Can a cat and a dog become good friends? Will friendship overcome all differences?
- Warner, Gertrude The Boxcar Mysteries – Series The Alden children used to live in an old boxcar. Now, they live with their grandfather who helps them solve mysteries.
- Wojciechowski, Susan Beany (not Beanhead) and the Magic Crystal – Series Beany has a magic wishing crystal. She wants to make sure she saves her one wish until she really needs it, and she holds it for the perfect moment.

## **Non-Fiction**

- Denenberg, Dennis 50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet! Contains two-page profiles of fifty American men and women from the past and present who have made exceptional, positive contributions to the world.
- Gibbons, Gail Exploring the Deep, Dark Sea Explores the vastly unexplored world beneath the ocean's surface.
- Hatkoff, Isabella Owen & Mzee – Series The true story of a remarkable friendship in Kenya between an old tortoise named Mzee and a young hippo named Owen.

McCarthy, Meghan	<u>City Hawk : The Story of Pale Male (or other books about Pale Male)</u> Pale Male and his mate Lola, a pair of red-tailed hawks, build a nest on the ledge of an apartment building and raise their chicks in downtown New York City.
Raven, Margot Theis	<u>Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot: A True Story of the Berlin Airlift and the Candy that Dropped from the Sky</u> The true story of a young German girl, Mercedes Simon, and an American pilot, Gail Halvorsen. The pilots shared hope and joy with the children of West Berlin by dropping candy-filled parachutes during the Airlift.
Simon, Seymour	<u>Animals Nobody Loves</u> Color photos and facts about twenty animals considered dangerous or unattractive – such as the rat and the bat.
St. George, Judith	<u>So You Want to be .....? - Series</u> An assortment of facts and characteristics of U.S. presidents, inventors and musicians.
Various Authors	<u>Sports for Fun – Series</u> Learn how to play, where to play, and many other fun facts in this colorful and informative sports series.
Various Authors	<u>Naturebooks – Series</u> Learn amazing facts about many animals. Illustrated with remarkable photographs.
Various Authors	<u>Tall Tales</u> Read about the amazing adventures of folk heroes such as Calamity Jane, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill
Wick, Walter	<u>Walter Wick’s Optical Tricks</u> The photographer for the I SPY book series presents fascinating optical illusions, with clues as to how they work. The answers are in the back of the book.

**Don’t forget to visit the special non-fiction shelf at the Farmington Libraries for students entering grade 4!**

## **Poetry**

Hopkins, Lee Bennett	<u>Spectacular Science: – A Book of Poems (or other collections by this author)</u> A thought-provoking collection of 15 poems exploring a variety of science topics including rocks, snowflakes, stars and a dinosaur bone.
Katz, Alan	<u>Silly Dilly Songs – Series</u> Well known songs are presented with funny new words and titles.

- Shields, Carol                    Lunch Money, and other poems about school A hilarious collection of poems about the unexpected things that happen at school.
- Silverstein, Shel                Runny Babbit : a Billy Sook (or other poetry books by this author)  
As the title warns, this is a very "billy sook", or silly book, as the words throughout the poems swap first and occasionally second letters.

## **Biography**

- Anderson, William              Pioneer Girl (and other biographies about Laura Ingalls Wilder)  
Recounts the life story of the author of the "Little House" books, from her childhood in Wisconsin to her old age at Rocky Ridge Farm.
- Christopher, Matt                On the Court (or Field, or Ice, or Mound, or Track) with various sports personalities – Series Get the scoop about famous sports stars and how they achieved success.
- Kerley, Barbara                 The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins In 1853, almost no one in the world knew what a dinosaur looked like. Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins was the first to build life-sized models of dinosaurs.
- Various Authors                 Abraham Lincoln Read picture book biographies highlighting events that shaped the life of one of America's greatest presidents.
- Various Authors                 Amazing Athletes – Series Collection of fact-filled biographies about current athletes.
- Various Authors                 Who was .....? – Series Collection of informative and entertaining biographies.

