



Dear Rising 4th Graders,

I am looking forward to teaching you in August! It is important for all of us to challenge our brains this summer to be ready for school in the fall, so I'm giving you a summer reading assignment. **(Please disregard the summer reading assignment that was sent home before the end of the school year. This one is new and improved.)**

1. You are to **read two (2) chapter books that are on your reading level** according to the last S.T.A.R. test you took in 3rd grade. If you are unsure of your current reading level, please email Kim Rothery (krothery@saintroseacademyop.com), and she will check this for you.
2. **One book is to be read on your own, while the other book must be read with a parent.** Your parent(s) can read to you, or you can take turns reading to each other. The goal here is to practice reading with fluency.

A fluent reader:

- Recognizes most words by sight,
 - Reads aloud smoothly with the natural rhythm of speech,
 - Decodes unknown words quickly,
 - Attends to punctuation, and
 - Reads with proper expression.
3. **For each book you read, fill out a book report sheet that is attached** to this letter.
 4. When answering questions about your book, please **use complete sentences, your best cursive, and correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.** These are the items on which you'll be graded.
 5. Both book reports are **to be turned in on the first day of school.**

Happy Reading!

Brigid Spina

*(I am almost halfway through with the 1st of 4 books
that I picked out for my own summer reading!)*

Please see the two attached sheets for your book reports.