

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting future reading success is... reading to and with your child! This summer, we are asking that each child read a **biography or autobiography** of choice (see below for some ideas) and complete one of the activities that will be sent home in May. We have also included a list of other suggested books here to keep you reading all summer long!

Have a fantastic summer!

Mrs. Biega and Mrs. Jackson



Biographies

The Who Was series, published by Penguin Random House

(<http://www.whowasbookseries.com/who-was/>)

Wanted, Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman by Ann McGovern

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? By Jean Fritz

Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom by Margaret Davidson

Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine

Satchmo's Blues by Alan Schroeder

Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark by Ann McGovern

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by Barbara Kerley

Autobiographies

This Kid Can Fly: It's About Ability (Not Disability) by Aaron Philip

Bill Peet: An Autobiography by Bill Peet

The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life by Sid Fleischman

My Life with the Chimpanzees by Jane Goodall

Other Books

On the Lexington Public Library website is a "Great Books for Third Grade" and "Great Books for Fourth Grade" list—check this out!

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

The Chronicles of Narnia books by C.S. Lewis

The Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Student Name: _____

Who Was/Is...

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Dates of birth and death

<p><i>Key events from his or her life</i></p>	<p>This is what he or she looks like</p>	<p><i>"...and I quote..."</i></p>
<p>Information about his or her <i>childhood and family</i></p>	<p><u>Major Accomplishments</u></p>	<p>Lessons learned <i>by</i> this person, or lessons we can learn <i>from</i> him or her</p>