

**H**ello, Fourth Graders! You may use the suggested booklist on the next page to find great books for reading this summer. If you complete both the math packet and a reading journal for two of the books you read and turn the math packet and the journal in on the first Monday of school, Mr. Wink, our principal, will have a special surprise for you. You won't want to miss it!



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## Directions for reading journal to participate in principal's surprise event:

- Purchase a portfolio holder with a clear plastic cover. (I get packets of three for a dollar at Dollar Tree.)
- Create a decorative cover for your journal on a piece of paper. Include the title of the two books you read, the authors' names, and your name. If you like to draw, you may add a picture of a scene from each of the books. Insert it in the front of your portfolio holder.
- Use one page of paper for any **two** of the following choices (you must choose two to be able to participate in the principal's surprise):
  - \* **Choice 1:** Summarize one of the books you read by answering these questions in complete sentences:
    1. Who is the main character and what did he want?
    2. What difficulties did he have?
    3. How did he try to overcome them or solve them?
    4. Did he succeed? What did he learn from it?
  - \* **Choice 2:** Draw a picture of the story's setting for one of the books. (e.g., Is it set in a medieval castle, on a western ranch, in New York City, or on a farm?) Make it as detailed and true to the story as possible.
  - \* **Choice 3:** (1) Describe your least favorite character and explain why. (2) Describe your most favorite character and explain why. You may also choose to draw a picture of these characters in addition to the descriptions.
  - \* **Choice 4:** Describe your favorite part of one of the books you read. Write at least three sentences.
- At the bottom of the second page, write this pledge, "I have completely read (Titles of the books you read) this summer."  
(Ex.: "I have completely read *All-of-a Kind Family*, *Black Beauty*, *The Sign of the Beaver*, and *Treasures of the Snow* for the first time.")
- **Put your signature under the pledge to affirm that this is true.**



## Fourth Grade Summer Reading – Faith Christian School

### BOOK LIST:

1. *All-of-a Kind Family* (Sydney Taylor) ~Quaint and fun!
2. *Arby Jenkins: Mighty Mustang* (Sharon Hambrick) [Christian fiction] ~These are part of a series of well-written books. The chapters are short with little climaxes in plot. The characters are very real and modern. There is a lot of action and humor. Good for boys.
3. *The Baker Street Mysteries: The Giant Rat of Sumatra* (Jake & Luke Thoene) [One of a series] ~Easy to read and very interesting. You may read others in the series at parental discretion.
4. *Black Beauty* (Anna Sewell) ~A horse story; very touching and thought-provoking.
5. **The Black Stallion series** (Walter Farley) ~Exciting and adventurous!
6. *Charlotte's Web* (E. B. White) **Newbery Honor** ~A classic; warm, fun, and folksy
7. *Ginger Pye* (Eleanor Estes) **Newbery** ~Delightful; a lost dog and suspicious characters
8. **The Little House series** (Laura Ingalls Wilder) ~a classic favorite; adventures in the American western frontier
9. *Miss Pickerell Goes to Mars* (Ellen MacGregor) ~humorous and creative
10. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (Richard and Florence Atwater) ~funny and cute
11. *Number the Stars* (Lois Lowry) **Newbery** ~a Danish girl learns life lessons and experiences dangerous adventures during Nazi occupation; read at parental discretion
12. *Old Yeller* (Fred Gipson) ~a faithful dog and his master experience the wild west
13. *The Sign of the Beaver* (Elizabeth George Speare) **Newbery Honor** ~grit and adventure, American Indians and frontiersman, a great book about courage and adventure
14. *Strawberry Girl* (Lois Lenski) **Newbery** ~childish adventures in the country South; addresses some topics of racism; read at parental discretion
15. *Treasures of the Snow* (Patricia St. John) [Christian fiction] wonderfully simple and yet deep; set in the Swiss Alps; a boy who always gets into trouble makes a deadly mistake
16. *Treehouse Tales* (Anne Isaacs) A wonderful tale! The late-nineteenth century setting takes the reader back to a time of adventure. The treehouse in the story is a child's dream hideout.
17. Any biographies, with parental discretion, in the Janet & Geoff Benge collection
18. Click [here](#) for more book choices. Use parental discretion.