



August 2021

Dear Fourth Graders,

I hope you've enjoyed a refreshing, relaxing summer. As the last few weeks of vacation wind down, each of you should finish your summer reading: **read a minimum of five books, each from a different genre.**

Please **bring the following on the first day of school:**

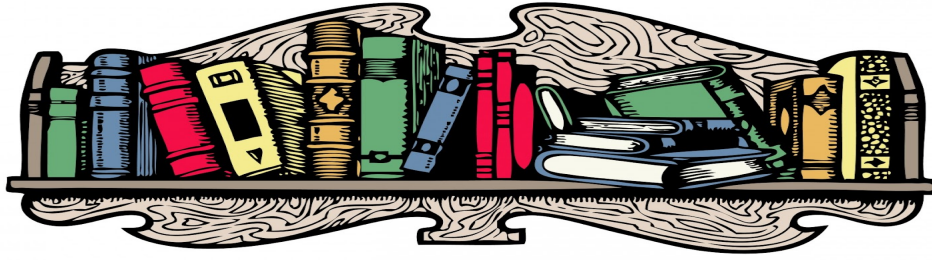
- **A neatly written or typed list of the books** you read (noting the titles and authors)
- **At least one book recommendation-** Use the *How to Write a Book Recommendation* tips below. **Bring a picture of the book cover** (print it out or draw and color yourself) to go with your recommendation. Be prepared to talk and write about all of the books you read. I will be excited to hear your reviews and opinions!
- **1-3 pictures that show your summer activities or interests-** You should be in the photos. I imagine you will have some funny stories and great adventures to share as you describe your pictures.
- **1-3 independent reading books** to use during the first week or so of school
- All of the **school supplies** listed below

We will enjoy frequent outdoor classes again this fall. Please dress with the temperature in mind. You might want to **bring a hat** that you can leave at school for sunny days. I do not have further information about Covid-based procedures as of now. Mr. Lord will inform the community about those plans.

All my best,

Mrs. Renneker

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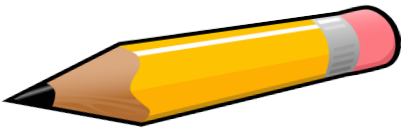
HOW TO WRITE A BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Write a summary: Tell the main points or parts. What is the story *mostly* about? What is the *theme* (the BIG idea... like *friendship*)? Describe the main characters and a few of their traits.

Tell WHY you are recommending: "I recommend this book because....."

EXTRA JUICY: "A favorite part/line/saying was...."

NEVER give away the ending!



FOURTH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpack
- Pencils and erasers (start with at least 12, sharpened)
- Black, blue, and red pens (3 of each) and one highlighter
- Soft pencil case (for use in a 3-ring binder)
- Wide ruled loose leaf paper (200 sheets)
- Two wide ruled composition notebooks
- One 3-ring binder with 4-6 section separators
- Two pocket folders (with holes- to place in the binder if needed)
- Simple calculator- practice using it before you arrive at school!
- Ruler with centimeters and inches
- Four pads of sticky notes