

# WAKEFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

## Summer Reading List Grade 4

One of Wakefield Country Day School's important goals is that our students learn to enjoy reading a variety of books. The summer reading list is designed with that objective in mind and also with an eye to introducing literature that coordinates with a particular course or theme-- literature that is of worth and appealing to the students at a given age, that stimulates curiosity and the desire to read more. Each child will read a total of four books, two required titles and two selections from the supplemental reading list.

Please keep this list in a safe place. You will be asked to refer to it throughout the entire school year.

Many of the books are paperbacks, and many are available in the school library as well as public libraries. We suggest that students attempt to stretch themselves on the level of difficulty but hasten to add that there is much valuable information in simply written books.

**For each book, a summary, on a 5 x 7 index card, must be written. The card should be set out as follows:**

**Student's Name**

**Title of book:**

**Author:**

**Setting:**

**Main characters:**

**Summary: Included in the summary should be a brief outline of the plot and a comment regarding your favorite part or relating to your personal evaluation of the book.**

### **Required Reading:**

*The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

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**Supplemental Reading:**

**I. AMERICAN HISTORY: BIOGRAPHY AND FICTION**

(must read 1 book)

*Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?* by Jean Fritz  
*Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Ann Petry  
*Paul Revere's Ride*, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem illustrated by Paul Galdone  
*Little House in the Big Woods* and the other books in the *Little House* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Brink  
*Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims* by Clyde Robert Bulla  
*The Legend of Jimmy Spoon* by Kristiana Gregory  
*Dear America* series by Kathryn Lasky  
*America Alive: A History* by Jean Karl  
*The Mystery at Jamestown First Permanent English Colony in America* by Carole Marsh

**II. FOLKLORE/ SCIENCE FICTION/ FANTASY**

(must read 1 book)

*Aesop's Fables* by Everyman's Library  
*The Book of Greek Myths, Norse Gods and Giants* by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire  
*Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola  
*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster  
*Babe the Gallant Pig* by Dick King-Smith  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis  
*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien  
*The Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Carlson  
*Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff