

# Summer Reading and Activities for upcoming 4th Graders

Book List Suggestions (It is not mandatory for your child to read from these lists, however they should select grade level books 3.5 and up)

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/3rd-4th-grade>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/best-books-for-third-graders>

## 1. Create a comic book version of your book.

- minimum 4 pages with 4 panels per page
- color pictures (hand drawn - stick people are fine)
- create a cover for your book

**2. 5 paragraph research paper on the topic of your choice.** Include an introduction, 3 body paragraphs, and a conclusion. 5 sentences per paragraph. Watch your spelling and grammar.

## 3. Brochure on your book. (This must be a different book than #1)

Create a brochure about your book. Follow the format described herein. You will be graded on thoroughness and creativity.

You need to demonstrate you have read and understood your book within this brochure. There are six panels (three on each side of a trifold). Each panel should have a heading and have color. Typed brochures are suggested but not required.

### Panel One: The Cover

On the front of your brochure, you should include your name and the name of the book, author, and a short sentence about the book. The design on the front cover needs to show the setting of the book.

### Panel Two: Characters

List all the characters in the book and include a two to three sentence description of each person. Include pictures of what you think the character should look like based on descriptions in the novel and your interpretation.

### Panel Three and Four: Review

Write a review discussing the plot of the book (exposition, rising action, climax, and falling action). This is where you demonstrate that you read the book. Discuss your opinion of the book—if you would recommend it, why or why not.

### Panel Five: Literary Devices

Literary devices surround us in literature but they can be missed if one is not looking for them. Your job is to choose at least seven examples of the following terms and include the sentence and the page number: Alliteration, allusion, hyperbole, simile, metaphor, foreshadowing, imagery, symbolism, onomatopoeia, personification, dialogue, irony, oxymoron, paradox, pun. Illustrate at least three of your examples.

### Panel Six: Vocabulary

Reading should expand your vocabulary. Choose then words from your book that are challenging (that you did not know previously). Write the word, part of speech, definition, the sentence from your book including the word, and the page number. Illustrate at least five of the words.

