Rosa Parks Elementary School Fourth Grade Summer Reading List

Suggested Reading

The following titles are suggestions for summer reading. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent/guardian and/or librarian are also acceptable. Participation in the PWC Public Library Summer Reading Program and its documentation are also acceptable.

Historical Fiction
Thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll takes his place as head of the family after his father dies fighting for the Union; but his job at the local ironworks, where he helps build an iron ship for the Union army, and his loyalty come into question when he is approached by Confederate spies to sell secrets about the ship to the South.

Beaty, Andrea, *Secrets of the Cicada Summer* 2008
Fiction
Twelve-year-old Lily, believing she could have prevented the accident that caused her brother's death, has quit speaking leaving everyone to think that she is brain damaged, but in her silence she sees everything, and when sly newcomer Tinny comes to town, Lily suddenly has a lot to talk about—if only she can make herself speak the words.

Brown, Don, *All Stations! Distress!: April 15, 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank* 2008
Nonfiction
An illustrated account of the sinking of the Titanic.

Coy, John, *Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball* 2013
Nonfiction
Chronicles how a young teacher in Massachusetts named James Naismith invented a new game to play with his rambunctious gym students, thereby creating the sport of basketball.

Ferris, Jeri Chase, *Noah Webster & His Words* 2012
Biography
This is a unique look at the life of Noah Webster, who was both a Patriot and a scholar. He was fascinated by words his entire life, and after the American Revolution, he decided that Americans needed their own dictionary. It took him twenty years to write the second most popular book ever printed in English, Webster's Dictionary.

Giff, Patricia Reilly, *R My Name is Rachel* 2011
Historical Fiction
Three city siblings, now living on a farm during the Great Depression, must survive on their own when their father takes a construction job miles away.

Ieronimo, Christine, *A Thirst For Home* 2014
In Ethiopia, water is hard to find, and hunger is common. To give her daughter a better life, Emaye sends Alemitu to the United States to live.

Mann, Elizabeth, *The Statue of Liberty: A Tale of Two Countries* 2011
Non-Fiction
A fascinating story of how the famous landmark was created. Full of interesting information and illustrations, this is an entertaining book.

Pitchford, Dean, *Captain Nobody* 2009
Realistic Fiction
When ten year old Newton dresses up as an unusual superhero for Halloween, he decides to keep wearing the costume after the holiday to help save townspeople and eventually his injured brother.

Selznick, Brian, *The Houdini Box* 2008
Fiction
Victor idolizes Harry Houdini. Unfortunately, Victor's invitation to visit Houdini's house falls on the same day Houdini dies, and Victor leaves with only a mysterious box given to him by Houdini's widow.

Soup, Dr. Cuthbert, *A Whole Nother Story* 2010
Fiction
The three Cheeseman children, their father, and their psychic dog are all on the run. From whom? Well the CIA, naturally. But also corporate agents #5, #29, and # 207, plus two international superspies -- one of whom happens to be a chimpanzee. They all want Dr. Cheeseman and his late wife's greatest invention– a time machine.

Tieck, Sarah, *Storm Chasers* 2012
Nonfiction
Explains the duties and experiences of professional storm chasers, describing their daily tasks, unique challenges, and the special tools and equipment they use on the job.