





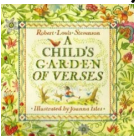



















BrainTree Summer Book Bingo

for students entering grade 4

Have fun reading this summer!
 Earn BINGO by completing five squares in a row —
 up, down, across, or diagonally!
 How many bingos can you earn?

Student Name: _____ Parents, please sign here at the end of the summer: _____

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| <p>Read a book about a volcano or an earthquake</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book by Tim Green or Mike Lupica</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book and watch the movie (or read a book for a movie you've already seen)</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book that takes place outside of New England</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read another book by an author you have already read</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> |
| <p>Write a postcard, email, card, or letter to someone about a book you read</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a poetry book or a book that rhymes</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a mystery book</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book about weather</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book by Andrew Clements</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> |
| <p>Read at the beach (or outside)</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book about a fourth grader</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Sign up for Thayer Library's Summer Reading program and start logging your books!</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a biography of a hero</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Discuss your book at the dinner table</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> |
| <p>Read a book from a series</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a fantasy or an adventure book</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a story about Native Americans</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read to an adult</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a Newbury award-winning book</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> |
| <p>Read a book about nature or the environment</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book with a character that has an interesting job</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read to a younger child, a pet, or a stuffed animal</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book recommended by a friend</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> | <p>Read a book that uses words in Spanish and English</p>  <p>Title: _____</p> |

Students entering grade 4 are usually ready to do some independent reading. Even though they can read on their own, it's still fine to read books aloud or together as you complete the squares on the bingo board.

No need to initial each square—just sign at the end of the summer to indicate that your child read all of the books that he or she has filled into the board. Children will bring their boards to school in September, so watch for news about bingo recognitions from your school!

As you help your child select books to read this summer, please consider this list a starting point. These titles are suggestions from teachers across town and the librarians at Thayer Library. None of these are required reads, and students are welcome to read from the grade levels above or below their own! We hope you find this list helpful as you look for new great reads and perhaps revisit some old favorites.

Suggested books for students entering fourth grade...

Babe and Me by Dan Gutman

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Bunnicula by James Howe

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

Daniel at the Siege of Boston by Laurie Calkhoven

The Dark Hills Divide by Patrick Carman

The Doll People by Ann Martin

The I Survived... Series by Lauren Tarshis

Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville

The Joey Pigza Books by Jack Gantos

Joshua's Song by Joan Harlow

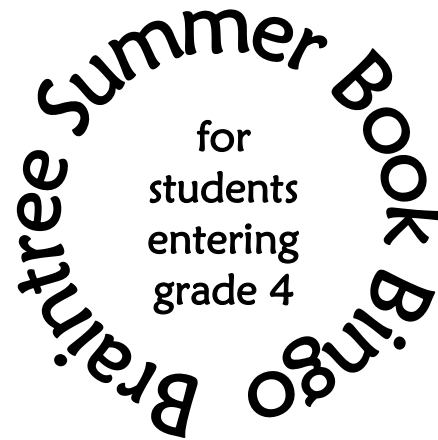
The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman

The School Story by Andrew Clements

The So You Want to Be Books by Judith St. George and David Small

The Stories Huey Tells by Ann Cameron

The You Wouldn't Want to ... Series by various authors



Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you and your student are enjoying the conclusion to a productive school year. During the school year, students have many opportunities to read and listen to books. Your support for those same reading experiences at home will help your child continue to grow as a reader, writer, thinker, and learner.

As you plan for the summer, please consider the literacy experiences your child will have in these months away from the classroom. Book Bingo is a great way to keep up the learning and the fun! Use the board on the back of this page to earn bingo (or more than one bingo!) as you read this summer.

In addition to local bookstores and online booksellers, the Thayer Public Library is a valuable (and free!) local resource. If you need help in selecting books, do not hesitate to ask the librarian!

For those of you planning travel this summer, consider going beyond the bookshelves and print pages to include audio books in your child's experience. These are available at the library on CD or on iTunes. While audio books are not a replacement for reading, they are a wonderful supplement, especially when experienced with a copy of the actual book.

As you explore these opportunities, remember that summer reading is for pleasure! I hope you and your child find many enjoyable books and stories to be part of your summer. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to assist with your child's literacy development.

Sincerely,
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