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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed is your child's summer reading assignment. The goal of the district's Summer Reading Program is to "develop a love of reading by promoting reading as an enjoyable experience." This year, Summer Reading Friday is on September 14, 2012 and celebrates the summer reading assignment in your child's class.

Please encourage reading during the summer. You are invited to share in the joy and pleasure of reading with your child.

You may access additional summer reading program information and electronic versions of the enclosed assignment by visiting the Somerville Public School district's website: www.somervillenk12.org.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Conroy

Read, relax, and enjoy your summer!

Attachments

c: Susan Haynes, Principal of Van Derveer Elementary School

Van Derveer School

2012 Summer Reading – Grade 4



The required summer reading for all students entering grade 4 is a realistic fiction book of your choice.

Each fourth grade student must read at least two books: the required realistic fiction book and a book of his/her choice.

Suggestions for the second book are listed on page 2.

A realistic fiction book must be chosen from the following list:

- Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls #1: Moving Day* by Meg Cabot
- Bridge to Teribithia* by Katherine Paterson
- Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
- Encyclopedia Brown* by Donald J. Sobol
- Lacrosse Firestorm* by Matt Christopher
- Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements
- Muggie Maggie* by Beverly Cleary
- No Talking* by Andrew Clements
- Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great* by Judy Blume
- Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- Skateboard Tough* by Matt Christopher



- Allie Finkle's rules for Girls #2: The New Girl* by Meg Cabot
- Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls #4: Stage Fright* by Meg Cabot
- Stealing Home* by Matt Christopher
- Strider* by Beverly Cleary
- Superfudge* by Judy Blume
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume
- The Kid in the Red Jacket* by Barbara Park
- The Landry News* by Andrew Clements
- The Million Dollar Putt* by Dan Gutman
- The School Story* by Andrew Clements
- The Talent Show* by Dan Gutman

**Complete the attached form and bring it to school
on Summer Reading Friday, September 14, 2012.**

Visit the district website to download summer reading activities at: www.somervillenk12.org

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Van Derveer School

2011 Summer Reading – Grade 4



Each fourth grade student must read at least two books: the required realistic fiction book and a book of his/her choice.

Suggestions for the second book are listed below.

Suggested Additional Readings:

- ✓ *Aliens Ate My Homework* by Bruce Coville
- ✓ *Best Friend Emma* by Sally Warner
- ✓ *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- ✓ *Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Dead Eagles* by Donald J. Sobol
- ✓ *Fourth-Grade Fuss* by Johanna Hurwitz
- ✓ *Fudge* (series) by Judy Blume
- ✓ *Miss Lazar Is Bizarre* by Dan Gutman
- ✓ *The Knights of the Kitchen Table* by Jon Scieszka
- ✓ A book of your choice focused on an area of personal interest (such as careers, hobbies, places)



Other suggestions for more challenging readings: (Optional)

- *Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Crispin: At the Edge of the World* by Avi
- *Eggs* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman* by Alan Schroeder
- *Robot Voyagers* by David Jefferis
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar
- *The Ravenmaster's Secret* by Elvira Woodruff

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Name: _____

Entering: _____ 4th Grade _____

Summer Reading Summary

Parents/Guardians: Please encourage your child to read as much of this book as he/she can on their own.
You are welcome to read this book along with your child to share in the joy and pleasure of reading.

Select the realistic fiction book of your choice from the list.

Title:

Author:

Think about the main character of the realistic fiction story you read.

- **How is that character like you?**

- **How is that character different from you?**

Write about the things the main character says or does in the story that describes how the main character is alike and different from you.

The second book I read was:

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

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