***Reading***

**For Parents:** To help your child prepare for 4th Grade, please ask them to read for **at least** thirty minutes every day. Encourage them to read stories that challenge them and push them outside of their usual comfort zone. Be sure to discuss what they read, especially new words and complex ideas, to help them achieve full comprehension. Ask them to read aloud at least once a week, to help improve their fluency and speed.

**For Students:** Use the attached reading log to track what you read each day. You should **read at least** thirty minutes each day.

***Online Resources***

Use the two links below to access hundreds of classic short stories for children. They can choose from fairytales to more modern authors.

* <https://americanliterature.com/short-stories-for-children>
* <https://americanliterature.com/short-stories-for-students>

***Suggested books***

Below is a list of age-appropriate classic books. There is a mix of adventure, fantasy, girl-oriented, and boy-oriented stories.

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

*Sign of the Beaver*

*Hatchet*

*My Side of the Mountain*

*The Tale of Despereaux*

*Nightbirds on Nantucket* (series)

*The Trumpet of the Swan*

*The Book of Three*

*A Wrinkle in Time*

*Magic by the Lake*

*Poppy*

*The Magician’s Nephew* (series)

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* (series)

*The Bad Beginning* (series)

*The Five Children and It*

*Betsy-Tacy*

*Ramona the Pest* (series)

*Ralph S. Mouse* (series)

*Stuart Little*

*The Boxcar Children* (series)

*The Hardy Boys* (series)

*Nancy Drew* (series)

*Henry Huggins* (series)

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