

## Summer Reading List for Students Entering 4th Grade

The faculty and staff at TCA strongly believe that reading over the summer for all students is academically beneficial in so many ways. Students who read over the summer improve their vocabulary, reading comprehension, and critical thinking skills, just to name a few of the many advantages. As upper elementary students ponder many important literary devices, such as character, conflict, and plot, they will discover new insight in their own reading abilities as they think about what they are reading. Therefore, we have created a required Summer Reading List for each grade level, based on students' interests, reading levels, and the books' literary merit.

Choose at least **two** books from the following list to read this summer in preparation for 4th grade at TCA. Please be aware that you will be expected to complete an activity when we return to school based on the books you read. Your teacher will provide more information along with the assignment during the first week of school.

The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo

Because of Winn-Dixie

*Tale of Despereaux* 

Who was Ponce de Leon

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Chocolate Touch

When Freedom Comes: Hope's Revolutionary War Diary

Trouble on the St. Johns River

Stuart Little

Jean Craighead George

Kate DiCamillo

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Pam Pollack & Meg Belviso

Roald Dahl

Patrick Skene Catling

Kristiana Gregory

Jane R. Wood

E.B. White

Whether you are on the beach or riding in a car,
Anywhere you go, near or far
Your book can go with you and provide lots of fun
And as an added bonus, your brain will grow by a ton!