

Dartmouth Public Schools Summer Reading List Students Entering Grade 4



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Dear Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to engage in many family activities. Please continue to include reading as part of your family time together. In response to the numerous requests we have received regarding just right books, we have put together a list of book choices that you might find helpful. You will find this list includes titles that are high-interest, award winning titles recommended by Dartmouth teachers. Additionally we have included Dartmouth student's favorites.

Don't forget...

- Pack a book wherever you go this summer
- Participate in activities at your local library this summer
- Start a kids book club
- Recognize that your child may have additional book choices
- Read to your kids, even the older ones



Favorite Books for Grade 4

Granny Torelli Makes Soup

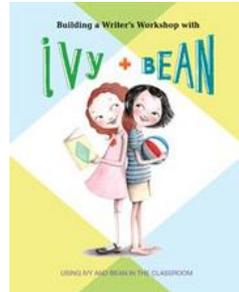
by Sharon Creech

While Rosie cooks with her Granny Torelli they each share stories of being 12 years old.

Ivy and Bean

by Annie Barrows

Ivy and Bean are very different and each girl thinks the other one is weird and that she could never be friends with the other.



Olive's Ocean

by Kevin Henkes

12 year old Martha receives a journal entry of a deceased classmate, who was killed by a car when riding her bicycle, and learns about their commonalities. (Newbery Honor book)

Ruby Lu, Brave and True

by Lenore Look

Most days the best thing about being Ruby is everything. Like when she's the star of her own backyard magic show, or when she gives a talk at the school safety assembly on the benefits of reflective tape. Join Ruby Lu on her first adventure and discover your own best things about her!

The Dollhouse Murders

by Betty Ren Wright

While visiting her Aunt Clare at the old family home, Amy discovers a haunted dollhouse in the attic-an exact replica of the family home. Whenever she sees it, the dolls, representing her relatives, have moved. Amy researches old news reports where she discovers a family secret-the murder of her grandparents

Favorite Series

Fudge series

by Judy Blume

Hank Zipzer (series)

by Henry Winkler

Meg Mackintosh

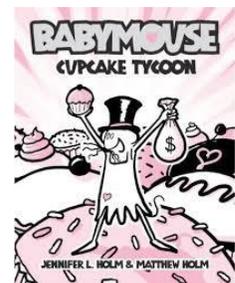
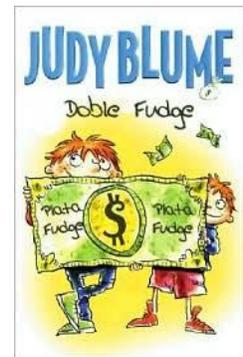
by Lucinda Landon

A to Z Mysteries

by Ron Roy

Babymouse

by Jennifer Holm

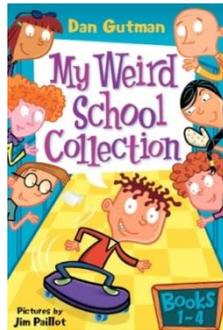


Spiderwick Chronicles

by Holly Black and Toni DiTerlizzi

My Weird School
by Dan Gutman

At Ella Mentry School all the grownups are quite weird. A.J. is a boy who doesn't like school and his arch-enemy Andrea Young loves school and everything else A.J. hates...



The Twits
by Roald Dahl

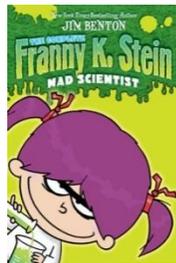
Mr. and Mrs. Twit become the target of revenge by the Mugglewump monkeys-- who have finally had enough.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread

by Kate Dicamillo and Timothy B. Ering

Franny K. Stein
by Jim Benton

Franny K. Stein is not your average girl -- she's a mad scientist. She prefers poison ivy to daisies and piranha to goldfish, and when Franny jumps rope, she uses her pet snake.

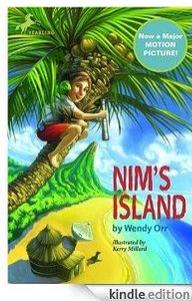


Gossamer
by Lois Lowry

While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteds.

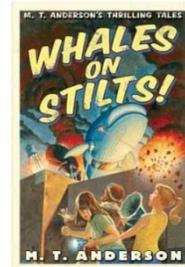
Nim's Island
by Wendy Orr

Nim lives on the most beautiful island in the world by its location is a closely guarded secret with a marine iguana, a sea lion, and her scientist dad, Jack. When he goes off to explore the world of plankton, the child occupies herself with typical Swiss Family Robinson-like chores and keeping her dad's batteries charged so she can check his e-mail on the laptop computer.



Whales on Stilts
by M. T. Anderson

On Career Day Lily visited her dad's work with him and discovered he worked for a mad scientist who wanted to rule the earth through destruction and desolation.



Award Winning Books

Dear Mr. Henshaw

by Beverly Cleary

Beverly Cleary's Newbery Medal-winning book explores the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy, Leigh Botts, in letter form as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw.

Maniac Magee

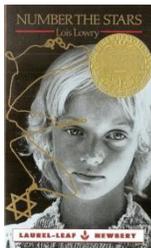
by Jerry Spinelli

Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run--and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.

Number the Stars

by Lois Lowry

As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.



Sarah, Plain and Tall

by Patricia MacLachlan

Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton comes from Maine to the prairie to answer Papa's advertisement for a wife and mother. Before Sarah arrives, Anna and her younger brother Caleb wait and wonder. Will Sarah be nice? Will she sing? Will she stay?

Everything in a Waffle

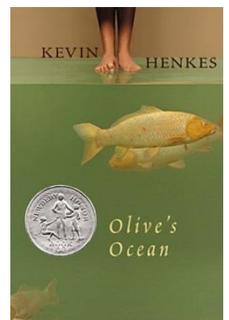
by Jane Margolies

A very funny book! Eleven-year-old Primrose Squarp disappears at sea and is then left in the hands of a "dubious cast of characters". Newbery Honor book

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Dartmouth Kid Picks Summer 2015

Grade 4 Kid Picks:

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
- Shiloh by Phillis Reynolds Naylor
- The Indian In the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Ungifted by Gordon Korman
- Palace of Mirrors by Margaret Peterson
- Hamster Magic by Lynne Jonell
- The 39 Clues by Rick Riordan
- Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
- Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Watts
- Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell