

Summer 2008 Reading List S.C.A.P.A. Rising 4th Graders

Students are required to read at least two books during the summer. They will be discussing, reflecting or doing other activities, and/or taking Accelerated Reading (A.R.) tests on these books after school begins in August.

****Required for all: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume**

**** Also choose one or more from the following list:**

1. **The Barn** by Avi. "This austere tale set in 1855 tells how the children of Oregon settlers are left to fend for themselves on the frontier," said PW, noting that "it will gratify those who seek a quiet, contemplative read." Ages 8-12. (Aug.) Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. (4.5 B.L.)
2. **Bud Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis. **From Library Journal**
Grade 4-7-Motherless Bud shares his amusingly astute rules of life as he hits the road to find the jazz musician he believes is his father. A medley of characters brings Depression-era Michigan to life. (Sept.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. (5.0 B.L.)
3. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl. "Candy for life and a tour of Willie Wonka's top-secret chocolate factory was the prize for buying a candy bar containing a Golden Ticket. Here is the exciting, hilarious, and moral story of the five prizewinners. They were, alas, repulsive children, with the exception of Charlie Bucket, whose family was so poor he could only have one candy bar a year. Rich in humor, acutely observant, Dahl lets his imagination rip in fairyland."--*The New York Times*. (6.7 B.L.)
4. **Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator** by Roald Dahl. Picking right up where *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* left off, *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator* continues the adventures of Charlie Bucket, his family, and Willy Wonka, the eccentric candy maker. As the book begins, our heroes are shooting into the sky in a glass elevator, headed for destinations unknown. What follows is exactly the kind of high-spirited magical madness and mayhem we've all come to expect from Willy Wonka and his creator Roald Dahl. **Amazon.com** (5.8 B.L.)
5. **Any of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Books:**

Description Set during the pioneer days of the late 1800s and early 1900s, Laura Ingalls Wilder's books chronicle her life growing up on the Western frontier.

About the Author Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in 1867 in the log cabin described in *Little House in the Big Woods*. She and her family traveled by covered wagon across the Midwest. Later, Laura and her husband, Almanzo Wilder, made their own covered-wagon trip with their daughter, Rose, to Mansfield, Missouri. There, believing in the importance of knowing where you began in order to appreciate how far you've come, Laura wrote about her childhood growing up on the American frontier. For millions of readers, Laura lives on forever as the little pioneer girl in the beloved Little House books. **Amazon.com**

- a) **Little House in the Big Woods** (3.2 B.L.)
- b) **Little House on the Prairie** (4.8 B.L.)
- c) **By the Shores of the Silver Lake** (6.2 B.L.)
- d) **Farmers Boy** (5.7 B.L.)
- e) **The Long Winter** (6.7 B.L.)
- f) **On the Banks of Plum Creek** (4.7 B.L.)
- g) **West From Home** (6.4 B.L.)