

## Summer Reading List for Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders SCAPA Bluegrass

Summer reading is an essential part of preparing your child to have a successful experience as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at SCAPA Bluegrass. But how many books you read is not nearly as important as whether or not you fully understood what the book was about. As your child's first best teacher, it is beneficial to know what books they are reading, what developmental level the book is written for, and what reading level best suits your child. The following list of books includes several genres and styles, and should include something very everyone's tastes. Talk to your librarian if you need more detailed information, and talk to your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher to be sure you are choosing books that are on the right level.

One of the books that your child is expected to read, and be prepared to discuss at the beginning of the school year, is **Mr. Popper's Penguins** by the Atwaters. I would recommend that your child read this later in the summer so that they are able to remember the details, and will have the characters fresh in their memory.

Students should have 5 questions they can bring to the class that can only be answered if they have carefully read the book. Please encourage your child to read at least 3 more books from the lists of fiction and non-fiction below, and to write a brief summary of each one they read. Because this is an Arts school, I welcome original artwork related to the literature they read. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy reading!!

### Fiction

Appelt - The Underneath

Cleary - Ramona the Pest

Clements - Frindle

Blume - Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

DiCamillo - The Miraculous Journal of Edward Tulane

- The Tale of Despereaux

Creech - Ruby Hollow

Norton - The Borrowers

Riodan - The 39 Clues (Series)

- Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Series)

Selznick - The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Warner - The Boxcar Children

Wilder - Little House Books (Series)

Paulsen - Hatchet and others

Spinelli - Loser and others

Burnett - The Secret Garden

Boelts - PS Brothers (Battle of the Books)

Draper - Out of My Mind (Battle of the Books)

Polacio - Wonder (Battle of the Books)

Riley - Story Thieves: The Stolen Chapters

Marsden, C. – Take me with you!

### **Informational or Biographical**

Holm - Turtle in Paradise

Demi - Muhammad

Aliki - William Shakespeare and the Globe

Cooney - Eleanor

Hodges - Joan of Arc: The Lily Maid

Harness - Thomas Jefferson

King – My Brother Martin

Collard - Beaks!

- Prairie Builders

Bartoletti - Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow

Brown – All Stations! Disaster!: April 15, 1912: The Day the Titanic Sank

Demi - King Midas

Armstrong – Spirit of Endurance

Stanley – Leonardo DaVinci

Winter - Just Behave, Pablo Picasso

