

Incoming 4th grade School Summer Reading

Novel Focus: Acceptance of Differences

Read one of the recommended novels below, fill out the chart, and be prepared to take an AR test and discuss it upon return to school in the fall. *Please do not read a novel that you have already read.* There is an additional optional assignment posted below for bonus points. Student and parent signatures required at the bottom of the doc.

For more information about books go to: <https://www.arbookfind.com/>

Choose One:

Title	Author	Book Information	Brief summary
If Kids Ran the World	Leo Dillon	Pages: 32 Book Level: 3.2 Lexile: 520 AR Points: 0.5 IL: Lower Grades (K-3)	In a colorful tree house, a rainbow of children determine the most important needs in our complex world, and following spreads present boys and girls happily helping others. Kids bring abundant food to the hungry; medicine and cheer to the sick; safe housing, education, and religious tolerance to all; and our planet is treated with care. Forgiveness and generosity are seen as essential, because kids know how to share, and they understand the power of love.
The Junkyard Wonders	Patricia Polacco	Pages: 48 Book Level: 4.0 Lexile: 660 AR Points: 0.5 IL: Lower Grades (K-3)	When young Trisha finds out her class at the new school is known as The Junkyard, she is devastated. She moved from her old town so she wouldn't be in a special class anymore! But then she meets her teacher, the quirky and invincible Mrs. Peterson, and her classmates, an oddly brilliant group of

			students each with his or her own unique talent. And it is here in The Junkyard that Trisha learns the true meaning of genius, and that this group of misfits are, in fact, wonders, all of them.
One-Third Nerd	Gennifer Choldenko	Pages: 224 Book Level: 3.6 Lexile: 540 AR Points: 4 IL: Middle Grades (4-8)	Liam lives in the Bay area near San Francisco with his mom and two younger sisters. Dakota is fascinated by science and has a big personality but struggles to make friends; Izzy, a child with Down syndrome, makes friends easily and notices things that go past everyone else. Dad lives across town, but he's over a lot. And then there's Cupcake, their lovable German shepherd, who guards their basement apartment.
The City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne	BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 9.0	In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger, to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.
Front Desk	Kelly Yang	Book Level: 4.5 Lexile: 640 IL: Middle Grades (4-8)	Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language? It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?

Fish in a Tree	Hunt, Lynda Mullaly	Pages: 276 Book Level: 3.7 AR Points: 7.0 Lexile: 550L IL: Middle Grades 4-8	Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is dyslexic and doesn't know how to read. Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the troublemaker, and with his help, Ally learns she has nothing to be ashamed of.
Firegirl	Tony Abbott	Pages: 160 Book Level: 4.1 AR Points: 4 Lexile: 570 IL: Middle Grades 4-8	It is a children's story about Tom Bender and how he navigates his way around Jessica, a disfigured burn victim. He struggles to deal with her presence in his neighborhood and class, which changes all aspects of his life.
Tangerine	Edward Bloor	Pages: 312 Book Level: 4.3 AR Points: 13 Lexile: 680 IL: Middle Grades 4-8	Paul Fisher sees the world from behind glasses so thick he looks like a bug-eyed alien. But he's not so blind that he can't see there are some <i>very</i> unusual things about his family's new home in Tangerine County, Florida. Where else does a sinkhole swallow the local school, fire burn underground for years, and lightning strikes at the same time every day?
Jada Sly Artist and Spy	Sherri Winston	BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 6.0	Ten-year-old Jada Sly is an artist and a spy-in-training. When she isn't studying the art from her idols like Jackie Ormes, the first-known African American cartoonist, she's chronicling her spy training and other observations in her art journal.
The Smartest Kid in the Universe	Chris Grabenstein	BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 7.0	When seventh-grader Jake McQuade mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, his life suddenly changes, and he must use his new intelligence to try to figure out a way to save his school. #1
Timmy	Pastis,	BL: 3.8 -	Timmy Failure, founder of the

Failure Mistakes were made	Stephan	AR Pts: 3.0	"best" detective agency in town, named Total Failure, Inc., may only be eleven years old, but with the help of his polar bear, Total, he already has plans for world domination. Book #1
Swindle	Korman, Gordon	BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 5.0	After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons sixth-grader Griffin Bing out of a valuable baseball card, Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back. Book #1
Out of my Mind	Draper, Sharon M.	Pages: 295 Book Level: 4.3 AR Points: 8 Lexile: 700 IL: Middle Grades 4-8	Melody cannot walk or talk, but refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates who dismiss her as intellectually disabled.

Please fill out the below charts and bring them in the first week of school.

<p>The first book I read was:</p> <p>SettingConflict/Problem:</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Rating out of 10:</p> <p>Why you gave the rating you did:</p>

5 Bonus Points

Ask an adult/friend/relative to suggest/recommend a book and read this title in addition to one from the list above over the summer. You may want to ask several people for book suggestions before choosing one. You could also read an additional book from the list. Fill out the table below:

The second book I read was:
Who recommended this book:
Setting:
Conflict/Problem:
Theme:

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____