



4th Grade 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” *Kate DiCamillo*

Providence Classical Academy seeks to develop good readers and desires for our students to be lifelong readers. Learning to read well requires direction, discipline, and diligence just as if you were training to be a fine musician or amazing athlete. This is why it is so important to encourage and inspire our Knights to read throughout the summer. We hope you will encourage your child to take this challenge and help them by saturating your family with books that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). We have chosen each book on our summer reading lists with the hope that it cultivates a greater love for the written word.

The books on our suggested reading lists may be found in our public libraries, Amazon, or book stores (Barnes and Noble; 2nd and Charles; & Thrifty Peanut). Audio books from Hoopla/Libby are also great options for students to listen to as they are playing this summer. The Reading Lists and Reading Log will also be posted on our school website.

TO EARN A GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE MEDAL, STUDENTS MUST...

- Record the title and number of minutes for each book on the Reading Log.
- Our reading lists are to help you with selections for reading material. Students may log books not on our lists, too.
- Electronic books may be read. Audio books are also permissible, but please note that we **highly encourage** students to follow along with a hard copy of the text. For our emerging readers going into 1st grade, we do allow minutes to be recorded when students are **read to** by an adult.
- Please make sure you **record the number of minutes read** in the **minutes** column. This is what we will calculate minutes from - we have no way to quantify what your child has read if this is left blank.
- Minutes must be logged and initialed by a parent each day on the provided Reading Log form.
- Add up the number of minutes read at the end of the summer.
- Reading Logs **MUST be returned to the teacher at either “Meet the Teacher” or the first day of school.** This will count as the first reading homework grade of the school year. Summer Reading medals will be awarded based on the reading log counts and given at the Summer Reading Awards Assembly at one of our Friday chapels within the first few weeks of school. ****No late Reading Logs will be awarded medals.****
- Incoming 2nd-6th graders **MUST COMPLETE REQUIRED** reading book selection and written assignment as reflected on each grade list. The 4th grade required book is **The Adventures of Robin Hood** by Howard Pyle (adapted by John Burrows- we read the Classic Starts version). Copies of this book are available to be checked out this summer at the front desk with Mrs. Mary. The writing assignment is attached in this packet.

Incoming 4th-6th grade medal & grade qualifications:

Gold = 1000 minutes, grade: 100

Silver = 750 minutes, grade: 95

Bronze = 550 minutes, grade: 85

Minimum = 450 minutes, grade: 75

Any minutes BELOW the minimum = grade: 50

No Reading Log = grade: 0

Summer Reading Challenge Book List
Incoming Fourth Grade

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR
REQUIRED READING: The Adventures of Robin Hood (Classic Starts Version)	Howard Pyle (adapted by John Burrows)
Abby Takes A Stand	Patricia C. McKissack
Along Came a Dog	Meindert DeJong
All of A Kind Family	Sydney Taylor
Around The World in 80 Days	Jules Verne
Black Stallion	Walter Farley
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Caddie Woodlawn	Carol Brink
Castle	David Macaulay
Cathedral	David Macaulay
Catherine Called Birdy	Karen Cushman
Crusaders	Rob Lloyd Jones
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices...Medieval Village	Laura Amy Schlitz
Heidi	Johanna Spyri
Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller	Doreen Rappaport
Henry Huggins	Beverly Cleary
Ink on My Fingers	Louise Vernon
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
Joan of Arc	Nancy Wilson Ross
Johann Gutenberg & the Amazing Printing Press	Bruce Koscielniak
Locomotive	Brian Floca
Mary on Horseback	Rosemary Wells

Mary Poppins	P.L. Travers
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Miraculous Adventures of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo
Out of the Dust	Karen Hess
Pippy Longstocking	Astria Lindgren
Pollyanna	Eleanor Porter
Poppy	Avi
Rabbit Hill	Robert Lawson
Roller Skates	E. Nesbit
Saint George and the Dragon	Margaret Hodges
Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille	Jen Bryant
Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski
The Art of the Catapult	William Gerstle
The BFG	Roald Dahl
The Inquisitor's Tale	Adam Gidwitz
The Light Beyond the Forest: The Quest for the Holy Grail	Rosemary Sutcliff
The Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate
The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster
The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus	Melissa Sweet
The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs	Betty G. Birney
The Shakespeare Stealer	Gary Blackwood
The Sword in the Tree	Clyde Robert Bulla
The Sword in the Stone	T.H. White
The Three Musketeers	Alexander Dumas

The Wheel on the School	Meindert DeJong
The Year of Miss Agnes	Kirkpatrick Hill
Thomas Jefferson Builds A Library	Barb Rosenstock
Viking Adventure	Clyde Robert Bulla
The Whingdingdilly	Bill Peet
The Wolf Who Cried Boy	Rob Hartman
Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame

SERIES BOOKS (any title in the series)

Great Illustrated Classics	Various
Hardy Boys	Franklin Dixon
Hero Tales	Dave and Neta Jackson
Landmark History Books	Various
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynn Banks
Nancy Drew	Carolyn G. Keene
Little House Books	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Wayside School	Louis Sachar

Summer Reading Written Assignment
Incoming Fourth Grade
Due the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Robin Hood has an interesting way of making friends. He usually has a conflict with them, and then they become friends. Robin Hood realizes he needs friends to help him. Write a paragraph (5-8 sentences) describing what friendship is to you and share about someone who is a true friend to you. Use these questions to aid you in your thoughts for your writing.

- Are friends important?
- Does God treasure friendship?
- Will we always get along every day with our friends? How can we work through conflict together?
- Why does God give us friends?
- What makes a good friend?
- Who is a good friend to me and why is this person such a good friend?

REMEMBER..

- You can do a keyword outline to help you sort your thoughts.
- Use dress ups to make your writing more interesting for your reader.
- Final copy must be in your BEST CURSIVE HANDWRITING!

