



**Summer Reading for Rising 4th Grade
Summer of 2020**

We hope to see each rising fourth-grade student come prepared and ready to discuss the following books:

1. *Rescue and Jessica* by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes- We encourage parents and students to read and discuss this book together. The ideas contained in this book relate to the virtues work we have done throughout the year.
2. Read **at least** two different books from two different genres listed below.

The recommended book lists below have been created to spark the love of reading. We want each student to challenge him/herself to read as many different books from **at least two different genres** over the summer and record each book on the reading log which can be downloaded from the website.. Feel free to make additional copies of the log if your reader is on a roll and needs more space to record! All students should bring their reading logs with them on the first day of school and should pick which book was their favorite from the summer. Our main goal is for our students to **ENJOY** reading!

Please send any pictures of your child enjoying his/her reading to dbelliveau@portergaud.edu. We would love to showcase our summer readers around the Lower School when we return to school in the fall!

Each year the SC Association of School Librarians presents a Book Award to the favorite picture, children's, junior and young adult book as voted upon by the children of South Carolina. The lists of the 2020-2021 nominees can be [viewed here!](#) Mrs. Benson would love to have as many students as possible vote in the Picture Book and Children's Book Award categories in February. To be qualified to vote, a student has to have read **five** books from the list. So please consider these as additions to our Suggested Reading List.

Reading lists have been sent to the Charleston County Library branches and the local Barnes & Noble stores. They are also on the Porter-Gaud website under Lower School Reading Lists.

Historical fiction:

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Mutiny's Daughter by Ann Rinaldi

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

Ninth Ward by Jewel Parker Rhodes

I Survived... by Lauren Tarshis (series)

Bird in a Box by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Rodzina by Karen Cushman

Sylvia and Aki by Winifred Conkling

How I Became a Spy by Deborah Hopkinson

Realistic fiction:

Everest: The Contest by Gordon Korman

Hoot by Carl Hiassen

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

The Good Dog by Avi

Eyes on the Goal by John Coy

Niagara Falls, or Does it? by Henry Winkler

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman

Fantasy:

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Bunnicula by James Howe

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

The Witches by Roald Dahl

Sisters of Glass by Naomi Cyprus

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

Lumberjanes: Unicorn Power by Mariko Tamaki

Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon

Mystery:

Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene

Hardy Boys series by Franklin Dixon

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Swindle by Gordon Korman

The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck

Girl Behind the Glass by Jan Kelley

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

In addition to summer reading, please take the time to review the words your child practiced in 3rd grade. This will help him/her to be better prepared for reading in third grade. Students should know how to read and spell the following words:

one	two	once	twice	does	done	goes	gone	come	some
very	where	what	which	who	when	why	there	here	us
our	yours	they	their	could	would	should	any	many	give
live	have	been	says	again	against	because	people	friend	were
our	or	full	though	thought	shall	far	about		