

Summer Reading Expectations - Summer 2026

Dear Parents,

Summer is here!!!! We are grateful for a safe and successful school year. Please be reminded of the importance of ensuring that your child reads this summer. Summer reading loss refers to the decline in reading development that can occur during summer vacation time. Research shows the children who do not read during the summer can lose two to three months of reading skills.

You will find the assignments on our website for each grade level. These assignments need to be completed by August 21, 2026. Those students new to TCA will need to turn in by October 9, 2026.

Students will have access to IXL during the summer and are highly encouraged to login and practice ELA as well as Math skills.

TCA 4th Grade Summer Reading Adventure

Dear Future 4th Grader,

Congratulations on finishing another school year! This summer, you will become a stronger reader by completing our Summer Reading Adventure. Reading during the summer helps keep your brain active and prepares you for an amazing year in 4th grade!

Step 1: Choose a Chapter Book

Choose **ONE** chapter book that:

- Interests you
- Matches your reading level
- Has at least 5 chapters

You may choose a fiction or nonfiction book.

Here are some ideas:

- *Charlotte's Web*
- *Because of Winn-Dixie*
- *The Lemonade War*
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
- *Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark*
- *The Boxcar Children*
- *One and Only Ivan*

An adult may help you look up the book cover and a short summary before choosing.



Step 2: Complete the Reading Activities

After reading your book, complete ALL THREE activities below.



Activity 1: Story Summary

Write 1 paragraph about your book.

Include:

- The title and author
 - The main characters
 - The setting
 - What happened in the story
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Activity 2: Draw Your Favorite Scene

Draw and color your favorite part of the story.

Be sure to include:

- Characters
- Important details
- A background setting

Write 2–3 sentences explaining why this was your favorite scene.



Activity 3: Book Review

Rate your book using stars.



Then answer:

1. What was the best part of the book?
2. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Directions Checklist

- ✓ Read your entire book
- ✓ Use complete sentences
- ✓ Check spelling and punctuation
- ✓ Color your drawing neatly
- ✓ Turn in all activities together

Optional Reading Challenge

Read extra books over the summer and keep a list of the titles you finish!

Happy Reading and Have a Wonderful Summer!  