

Dear Incoming 4th Graders,

I am so excited that you will be in 4th grade next year. Mrs. Chabarría and I have so many fun and exciting things planned for you next year!

Below, you will find a list of 3 Realistic Fiction novels. You are being asked to pick 1 from the list to read over the summer. Please be done by the 1st Day of School. Upon your return to school in the fall, we will be doing a fun activity with it!

Willowdeen By: Katherine Applegate

Eleven-year-old Willodeen adores creatures of all kinds, but her favourites are the most unlovable beasts in the land – strange beasts known as 'screechers'. The villagers of Perchance call them pests, even monsters, but Willodeen believes the animals serve a vital role in the complicated web of nature.

Lately, though, nature has seemed angry indeed. Perchance has been cursed with fires and mudslides, droughts and fevers, and even the annual migration of hummingbirds, which are a source of local pride and income, has dwindled. For as long as anyone can remember, the tiny animals have overwintered in shimmering bubble nests perched atop blue willow trees, drawing tourists from far and wide. This year, however, not a single hummingbird has returned to Perchance, and no one knows why.

When a handmade birthday gift brings unexpected magic to Willodeen and her new friend Connor, she's determined to speak up for the animals she loves and perhaps even uncover the answer to the mystery of the missing hummingbirds.

Shiloh By: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

There's nothing eleven-year-old Marty Preston enjoys more than spending time up in the hills behind his home near Friendly, West Virginia. But this time is different. This time Marty sees a young beagle on the road past the old Shiloh school-house. Marty feels sure the dog is being abused by his owner. When the dog runs away to Marty's house, his parents say he must bring him back. But it hurts Marty to return the runaway dog to his cruel master. That's when Marty secretly decides he'll do anything to save the dog he names Shiloh.

Beezus and Romana By: Beverly Cleary

Big sister Beezus Quimby tries to be patient with her four-year-old little sister, Ramona, but it isn't easy, not when Ramona powders her nose with marshmallows and invites her nursery school class to a party without telling her family. Sometimes Beezus doesn't like Ramona, but the girls are sisters and that means they will always love each other – just not every single minute.

Attached, you will also find a Summer Reading BINGO Board. You need to make 1 BINGO this summer. It may be fun to see how many BINGOs you can make!

Happy Summer & Happy Reading!! See you in the fall!

Love,

Mrs. Brinker



Summer Reading



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<p>Read a book that has been made into a movie</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a graphic novel or a comic Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Non-Fiction Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book about animals (Fiction or Non-Fiction)</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book by a Male Author</p> <p>Title:</p>
<p>Read a Fairy Tale</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Science Fiction Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book your parents recommend</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Historical Fiction Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book that is part of a series</p> <p>Title:</p>
<p>Read an Autobiography</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book a friend recommends</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>FREE SPACE— Read a book of your choice!</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Mystery Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Biography</p> <p>Title:</p>
<p>Read a Fiction Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book by a Female Author</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Poetry Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read an Adventure Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book written before you were born</p> <p>Title:</p>
<p>Read a Classic Novel</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book based on a True Story</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a Fantasy Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read an Award-Winning Book</p> <p>Title:</p>	<p>Read a book by your favorite Author</p> <p>Title:</p>