

**Saint Bartholomew School
Summer Reading List 2009
Grade Four**

Dear Fourth Grader:

The public library, bookstores, and the personal libraries of friends and family are perfect spots to find new and interesting books. Here are some suggestions to get you started, but feel free to read books that are not on this list. If you find a book that you really like, tell me and I will put it on our list for next year.

You must read at least **four books**, please try to read books from different categories. List your choices on this form or use the graph that is attached. The list or graph should be returned to Mrs. Wareham during the first week of school. We will discuss the books during library.

Transform your summer, read!

Mrs. Davison

Fiction _____

Poetry & Bible Stories _____

Fantasy, Folk & Fairy Tales _____

Biography _____

Nature & Science _____

Historical Fact & Fiction _____

A book that should be added to our summer reading list: _____

Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

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FANTASY

Barry, Dave

Escape From the Carnivale : A Never Land Book

In the story Little Scallop and her friends, despite the warnings of their elders, decide to travel out of the lagoon in search of pearls. When a storm approaches, trouble strikes and it's up to our heroin to save the day! The characters have to face their wrong doings and figure out how to solve their problem.

Brittain, Bill

The Wish Giver

When a strange little man comes to the Church Social promising he can give people exactly what they wish for, three young believers-in-magic each make a wish that comes true in the most unexpected way.

Buckley, Michael

The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives (Series)

For Sabrina and Daphne Grimm, life hasn't been a fairy tale. After the mysterious disappearance of their parents, the sisters are sent to live with their grandmother—a woman they believed was dead! Granny Relda reveals that the girls have two famous ancestors, the Brothers Grimm, and that's where the tale begins!

Byars, Betsy

McMummy

While working in the greenhouse of an eccentric scientist, Moxie discovers a large, mummy-shaped pod on one of the plants.

Calvert, Pam

Multiplying Menace: The Revenge of Rumpelstiltskin

It's been 10 years since the queen defeated Rumpelstiltskin by speaking his name, but now he's back for repayment of all the gold he spun for her. If she does not oblige, he threatens to increase the pest problem and make the kingdom's livestock and other assets disappear by multiplying with fractions. Rumpelstiltskin multiplies the king's nose by six and will do so to the entire royal court, unless Peter, the queen's son, agrees to go with him to work off the debt. It's up to Peter to take possession of the man's magical stick and learn how to use it in order to restore normalcy to the kingdom.

Carman, Patrick

The Dark Hills Divide

Elyon is a land of enchanted forests, and great walls that connect and encircle the cities of Lathbury, Turlock, Lunenburg, and Bridewell like spokes in a wagon wheel. On a summer trip to Bridewell with her father, the mayor of Lathbury, Alexa Daley spends much of her time dreaming of escape. But, the walls are heavily guarded, and legends suggest that forests and hills are no place for a young girl. When an unfortunate accident puts Alexa within reach of a way outside the wall, she must decide--heed the warnings of her elders, or satisfy her curiosity and unravel the mysteries of Elyon.

Cooper, Susan

The Boggart

Twelve-year old Emily accidentally brings home a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes, after visiting her family's castle in Scotland.

Dahl, Roald*

The BFG

Read what happens when Sophie is kidnapped from her orphanage by BFG, or a "Big Friendly Giant."

DiCamillo, Katie

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

In *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* we are given a glimpse of arrogance gone wild. The china doll is made to feel special and is loved so much by his owner that he can't conceive he holds any other position than the center of the universe. Then, in an unexpected event, Edward Tulane is thrust into the depths of despair and only thru the kind acts of others is he taught the meaning of love. His various handlers and owners each contribute to Edwards salvation in small ways.

Donnelly

A Package for Miss Marshwater

Miss Marshwater's world changes when two platypuses arrive.

Eager

Half Magic

Four children enjoy a series of adventures when they wish on an ancient coin.

Erickson, John

Hank the Cowdog: The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog

Hank the Cowdog, "Head of Ranch Security" at a spread in Texas, is most adept at getting himself into a pickle. Charming in his own way but with elevated self-esteem and low-level intelligence, Hank and his tales are hilarious: He gets tangled up with a porcupine and a skunk (among other tales), as well as almost going over to the coyotes.

Flemin

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

The twins, Jeremy and Jemima noticed that their car was no ordinary car. Her license plate read GEN11, and that could be read genii by knowing people. The car could be an airplane or a boat, but could it save the Potts family from a mob of gangsters?

Griffin, Adele*

Witch Twins and the Ghost of Glenn Bly

Claire and Luna are twin witches who travel to Scotland with their five-star-witch grandmother, Grandy. The three witches are on a mission: to rid Glenn Bly castle of the terrifying ghost that haunts it.

Ibbotson*

Island of the Aunts

Aunts, Etta, Coral, and Myrtle tend an Island filled with fantastic creatures, it's hard work and the aunts are getting old. Their solution: kidnap some children who can take over the care of the Island.

Kassam, Lou

A Haunting in Williamsburg

Meet an old family ghost who asks help in righting a wrong done over 200 years ago.

Lasky, Kathryn

Guardians of Ga'Hoole: The Capture, Book One (series)

Soren is captured and taken to an orphanage. He and his friend Gylfie know the only way to escape is to fly, something they have never done before! They need to work together to protect the owl world.

Levine*

Ella Enchanted

Ella struggles against the childhood curse that compels her to obey any order given to her.

Levine*

Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep

The Princess Tales. Gail Carson Levine has waved her magic wand over this old standby, and presto! It reappears, transformed-new, sparkling and very funny! Many titles in the series.

Levine*

The Wish

Wilma's wish-to be the most popular kid at Claverford Junior High-is granted by an old woman on the subway to whom she has given her seat. Jared becomes attracted to her, and though he is not one of the really cool guys, the security of her new popularity allows their friendship to develop. Her new life is everything she could have hoped for, but she realizes that her wish will come to an end in a few weeks with graduation.

Lewis

The Chronicles of Narnia (series)

These classic tales will be enjoyed by readers of all ages!

McAllister, M.I.

The Mistmantle Chronicles Book One (series)

An orphaned squirrel with a powerful destiny. A treacherous couple determined to seize the throne. An epic adventure filled with drama, suspense, and heroic deeds.

Nimmo, Jenny

Midnight for Charlie Bone

The mysterious and magical powers of the Red King have been passed down through his descendants. These gifts, some evil and some good, turn up unexpectedly in someone who has no idea where they came from. This is what happened to Charlie Bone...

Reiche, Dietlof

I, Freddy (series)

Meet Freddy Auratus, golden hamster extraordinaire, escape artist, and narrator of this humorous adventure. Born at a local pet shop, Freddy engineers his own purchase and comes to live with six-year-old Sophie ("a girl in a million") and her parents. There he learns to read and escape from his cage using a pencil as a lever. When Mom's allergies act up, Freddy goes to live with Mr. John, who recognizes Freddy's superior intellect and encourages him to communicate using the computer.

Riordan, Rick

The Lightning Thief (series)

The escapades of the Greek gods and heroes get a fresh spin in the first book in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, about a contemporary 12-year-old New Yorker who learns he's a demigod. Perseus, aka Percy Jackson, thinks he has big problems. He vaporizes his pre-algebra teacher, learns his best friend is a satyr, and is almost killed by a minotaur before his mother manages to get him to the safety of Camp Half-Blood--where he discovers that Poseidon is his father. Book #2 *The Sea of Monsters* Book #3 *The Titan's Curse* ; Book #4 *The Battle of the Labyrinth*

Scieszka, Jon*

The Time Warp Trio: See You Later, Gladiator

Does the Time Warp Trio have the moves to fake their way through gladiator school, fight a match at the Colosseum, and race through the golden streets of imperial Rome until they find *The Book* and get safely back home?

Thorpe, Kiki

The Trouble With Tink (series)

Tinker Bell is supposed to be the best there is at fixing pots and pans, but when she loses her hammer, her talent goes with it. Tink is desperate to reclaim her skill. But does she have the courage to face up to her past? This is a Disney series that is written by different authors.

Winthrop

Castle in the Attic

The gift of a toy castle introduces William to adventure.

Yolen

Passager: Young Merlin Trilogy

An 8-yr. old boy is abandoned in the woods of Medieval England. A Falconer captures and tames the boy.

FICTION

Balliet, Blue

The Calder Game

Two Calders are missing. One is a sculpture. One is a boy. Calder and friends are back! Book Three of the adventures of Petra and Calder. Book One is **Chasing Vermeer** and Book Two is **The Wright 3** both books are page turners and mysteries that you will want to help solve.

Blume*

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great

This is an amusing story about how Sheila survives summer.

Blume*

Fudge-a-Mania

Pete describes a vacation with a younger brother named "Fudge." Anyone with younger siblings will have a lot of good laughs with this book!

Bowen

T.J.'s Secret Pitch

T.J. adopts the unorthodox pitch of legendary Rip Sewell.

Brooks*

Freddy Goes to Florida (Series)

Freddy the pig and the other barnyard animals have many hilarious adventures when they decide to escape the cold winter by vacationing in sunny Florida.

Campbell

Thoroughbred Series: A Horse Called Wonder

Ashleigh's family moves to a new breeding farm after a terrible disease took her favorite mare, Stardust. Can Ashleigh give her heart to a sickly foal that no one thinks will live?

Christopher

Tough To Tackle (many titles)

Have a sports fan in the family? Matt Christopher books are all about sports! Enjoy!

Cleary*

Ramona's World

Follow the adventures of nine-year old Ramona at home with a new baby sister, a "perfect" older sister, Beezus, and all the challenges of fourth grade! Sometimes Ramona fails, often with hilarious results!

Clements*

No Talking

When the fifth-grade girls and boys at Laketon Elementary spark a contest to see who can say *the fewest words* during two whole days some interesting things happen!

Clements*

Lost and Found

Although it's a drag to be constantly mistaken for each other, in truth, during those first days at a new school, there's nothing better than having a twin brother there with you. But on day one of sixth grade, Ray stays home sick, and Jay is on his own. But Jay quickly discovers a major mistake: No one seems to know a thing about his brother. Ray's not on the attendance lists, doesn't have a locker, doesn't even have a student folder. Jay almost tells the school -- almost -- but then decides that this lost information could be very...useful. And fun.

Cushman*

Matilda Bone

After spending years at the manor, where she was instructed by Father Leufredus to concentrate on prayer and her studies Matilda finds herself left with Red Peg the Bonesetter as her servant!

Dahl*

Danny The Champion of the World

A **wonderful** father-son story! Danny's Dad tells the most outrageous stories—better than anything you'd find in books. They fix up old cars in the workshop they'd built. Then Danny helps his Dad mastermind the greatest scheme ever perpetrated against old Victor Hazell!

Danziger*

Amber Brown Goes Fourth (series)

Upon entering 4th grade, Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friends move away and her parents divorce.

Danziger

Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes

Matthew Martin's eleventh birthday is coming. A major sleepover is in the works. But Matthew's mom is a health food nut, and his sister, Amanda, is planning her first date on the night of his party! Lots of laughs.

DiCamillo

Because of Winn-Dixie

Because of a stray dog named Winn Dixie, 10 year old Opal makes friends in the new town where she and her father live and learns ten things about her mother. (2001 Newbery Honor Book)

Ferguson

Cricket and the Crackerbox Kid

A wealthy eleven-year-old named Cricket is lonely until she adopts a stray dog from the Animal Shelter.

Fleischman

The Whipping Boy

Prince "Brat" and his whipping boy change places after they meet some outlaws.

Gilson

4B Goes Wild

Fourth graders have an adventure with their teachers while on a camping trip.

Grahame

Wind In The Willows

This is a classical read. Join Mole, Water Rat and Badger in their adventures as they try to keep their foolish friend, Toad, out of trouble.

Gutman, Dan

Mickey & Me (series)

Joe travels through time to solve one of baseball's greatest puzzles: Did Babe Ruth really call his famous world series home run to center field before he hit it? Ideal for boys who want an adventure, mystery sports book!

Horvath

Everything on a Waffle

Melissa, Amanda and Frank (Pee Wee) have to be watched by an Aunt from Canada whom they've never met! The Aunt regales them with tales of their relatives and of growing up on Vancouver Island.

Howe

Bunnica

Though laughed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

Hurwitz*

Class President

A friend inhibits his leadership ambitions in order to help someone else become class President.

Konigsburg*

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

When Claudia decided to run away, she planned very carefully. She would live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and she invited her brother Jamie to go, mostly because he would have money!

Lindgren*

Pippi Longstocking (series)

Enjoy the adventures of nine-year old Pippi who lives alone because her father is away on an island inhabited by cannibals! She has her friends Tommy and Annika right next door. And of course, she has Mr. Nilsson the monkey, a horse and a suitcase full of gold pieces.

Lupica, Mike*

Comeback Kids: Two-Minute Drill

No one could believe it when the new kid, the brainiest and clumsiest kid in school, joined the football team.

MacDonald Betty

The Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle Treasury

Children love Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle for her upside-down house, her delicious cookies, and her ability to understand just how they feel.

Madonna*

Goodbye Grace?

Yes, I know, you are thinking, “Madonna writes BOOKS?” Well she does, and this sequel to “The Four English Roses” is a hit! Also try “Mr. Peabody’s Apples”, food for thought!

Mazer, Anne

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining : Amazing Days of Abby Hayes (series)

The innermost thoughts of Abby Hayes as she looks for a way to shine in her family of superstars. Told through prose, journal entries, and line drawings, the story follows Abby as she tries to make her mark in soccer, though she has little natural talent or inclination. Meanwhile, she is oblivious to her true calling--writing--until a piece she writes on soccer is printed in the local newspaper.

Naylor

Shiloh Season

Sequel to Shiloh. When mean and angry Judd, who has never known kindness, takes to drinking and mistreats his dogs, Marty discovers how deep a hurt can go and how long it takes to heal.

Paterson

Preacher’s Boy

In 1899, 10 year old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself in all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world! He and Tom Sawyer could be cousins!

Riordan, Rick

The Maze of Bones (Book One)

What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? The source of the power is hidden around the world in the form of 39 Clues. The race is on! Each book is written by a different author. Book 2 “One False Note” by Gordon Korman, book 3 “A Deadly Alliance” by Peter Lerangis, book 4 “Beyond the Grave” by Jude Watson. No other series has been written by so many different authors!

Roberts

Henry Reed’s Baby-Sitting Service (series)

Henry and his friend Midge join together in a money-making venture.

Robinson

The Best School Year Ever

The Herdman family cause chaos throughout the school.

Rodgers, Mary

Summer Switch

What could be worse than finding yourself in your son's body, on your way to the same macho summer camp that you hated when you were a boy? Worse is realizing that your young, inexperienced son must therefore be in your body, on his way to the most important business meeting of your life!

Simon

Einstein Anderson Science Sleuth

See if you can figure out how Einstein Anderson will solve a series of scientific puzzles.

Smith

The Pennywhistle Tree

Eleven year old Jonathan discovers what friendship means when a new and unwanted family moves in next door.

Snicket*

Bad Beginnings (series)

Baudelaire orphans Violet, Klaus and Sunny suffer greatly in the hands of their new guardian, Count Olaf. But when the children put their heads together they outwit the Count in many ways!

Spinelli*

The Library Card

In thoughtful stories ranging from funny to heart-breaking, Spinelli reveals the amazing possibilities lurking behind library doors for four different people.

Springer, Nancy

Rowan Hood: Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest

Rosemary has nowhere to go when her mother dies. She has never met her father—Robin Hood. So she changes her name to Rowan, disguises herself as a boy, and searches Sherwood Forest for her father.

Van Draanen, Wendelin*

Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception

Sammy Keyes tackles a thief who's brandishing a gun with one hand and pulling paintings off the wall at the art gallery with the other. Sammy may have stopped a criminal, but the real crime has yet to be discovered.

Wilder, Laura

Little House in the Big Woods (series)

Enjoy these classic stories about Laura and her family living on the Wisconsin frontier.

Wojciechowski, Susan

Beany and the Dreaded Wedding

When Beany's cousin Amy asks her to be the flower girl *and* the ring bearer in her wedding, Beany has plenty of new reasons for losing sleep. What if she hates her dress? Worst of all—what if she loses the bride and groom's rings?

Yolen, Jane

Wizard's Hall

If you are a Harry Potter fan then read this book. A young apprentice wizard saves the wizard's training hall by trusting and believing in himself.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Baumann

Caves of the Great Hunters

Four boys and their dog discover amazing prehistoric paintings on the walls of the Lascaux Caves in Southern France.

Bishop

Twenty and Ten

Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis during World War II.

Cushman

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple

Summer of 1849, a mother moves her family from the comfort of Massachusetts to “Lucky Diggins”, California a small, unestablished gold mining town where the family runs a boarding house.

Giff*

Lilly’s Crossing

In 1944, Lilly learns to see the war and her own world with new eyes after becoming friends with a young Hungarian girl.

Kensey

Canada Geese Quilt

A young girl helps her grandmother make a quilt for the family’s new baby.

Kidd

Onion Tears

Nam-Huong, a Vietnamese girl who lost her family in Vietnam, tries to make a new life with the Australian family with whom she now lives.

Plaisted

My Prairie Year

Eleanor writes about a summer spent on the vast Dakota prairie in 1889.

Turner

Grasshopper Summer

Sam finds life in the Dakota Territory in the 1870’s very different from the Kentucky farm he loved.

Wilder, Laura*

On the Banks of Plum Creek

Laura and her family share job and challenges in their home, a dug out on the Minnesota prairie.

BIOGRAPHY

Boylston

Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross

The story of a courageous woman who goes to the aid of Civil War soldiers. (Her house is in Glen Echo)

Byars

Betsy Byars: Moon and I

While describing her humorous adventures with a black snake, Betsy Byars recounts childhood anecdotes and explains how she writes a book.

Craig, Robert

Derek Jeter

Derek Jeter’s childhood dream was to play for the historic New York Yankee franchise. In 1996, his hard work paid off when he helped the Yankees win the World Series and was named Rookie of the year.

Daly

Tara and Michelle

Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan can teach us a lesson about perseverance and hope.

Ferris

Artic Explorer

Matthew Henson shared the labors but not the glory when he and Robert Peary raced against other explorers to reach the North Pole.

DePaola* **Parables of Jesus**

Unique illustrations and a clear text recount Jesus' parables.

DePaola* **The Holy Twins**

This book tells about the lives of St. Benedict and his sister Scholastica.

Prelutsky, Jack* **A Pizza the Size of the Sun**

This book is full of humor and interesting illustrations.

Scieszka, Jon **Science Verse**

A blend of poetry and science? Try it you'll like it!

SCIENCE AND NATURE

Curtis, Patricia **Cindy, A Hearing Ear Dog**

Find out how hearing ear dogs are trained to alert their hearing-impaired owners to sounds.

George, Jean Craighead **Everglades**

The Florida Everglades, the evolution of this unique area, and the impact humans have had on it.

Lerner, Carol **My Backyard Garden**

Would you like to start your own garden? Learn how to plan it and care for it.

Meltzer, Milton **The Amazing Potato**

You're going to love this book! Learn about this amazing plant and its impact on the history of the world.

Scieszka, Jon **Math Curse**

Read this book! When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student discovers how true this is.

Scieszka, Jon **Science Verse**

A blend of poetry and science? Try it you'll like it! If you are paying attention you might see double.

Smith, Elizabeth **A Dolphin Goes to School**

If you ever wondered how dolphins learn how to become the clowns of the marine shows, read about Squire, a bottle nosed dolphin.

Tripp, Nathaniel **Thunderstorm**

The author has documented all the changes that result in a Thunderstorm. The story is told by a farmer, who hurries to protect his farm before the storm arrives.

* You might enjoy reading other books written by authors whose names are followed by the asterisk (*).