

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading**

Read at least one book from this list over the summer. Complete the story map as you read and come to school with your story map prepared to discuss the book.

### **Book Selections**

*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

Interest Level: Grades 3-6

Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here!

*I Was a Third Grade Spy* by Mary Jane Auch

Interest Level: Grades 3-6

When Brian's dog Arful suddenly begins talking, Brian and his two friends send the dog to find out what their classmates are planning for the school talent show.

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

Interest Level: Grades 5-8

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

Interest Level: Grades 3-6

The story of a musical cricket and his friends, a mouse and a cat of real character, who took up their abode in a Times Square newsstand...Most appealing whimsy with beautiful illustrations by Garth Williams.

*A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd

Interest Level: Grades 3-6

*The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend, Jonah the Beedle, she hopes to bring the magic back.*

*Belly Up* by Stuart Gibbs

Interest Level: Grades 4-8

12 year old Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt Fitzroy has got a murder on his hands and trouble on his tail. Henry, the hippopotamus at the brand-new nationally known FunJungle, has gone belly up. Even though it's claimed he died of natural causes, Teddy smells something fishy.

*Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick

Interest Level: Grades 4-8

Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

*Samantha Spinner and the Super Secret Plans* by Barbara Fisinger Skorjanc

Interest Level: Grades 3-6

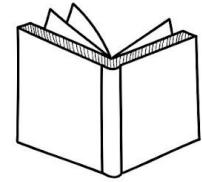
Samantha's uncle mysteriously disappears, leaving behind extravagant gifts for her siblings and an old, rusty, red umbrella for Samantha that may contain clues to his whereabouts.

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# Story Map

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