

# 4th Grade Summer Reading 2015

## Our Lady of Sorrows School

*I plan to read and blog on the library website, <http://olslibrary.weebly.com/>, this summer and hope you'll join me talking about books. Happy vacation! Mrs. Blair*

Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be **required** to read **one** selected book and complete a book report form available online, <http://www.olschool.com/>. Sign up for the summer reading program at your favorite public library and enjoy hot summer days with good books. ☺ ( <http://iclc.org/> )

### **Required Reading for 4th grade (choose one)**

#### **Coraline** by Neil Gaiman

Looking for a haunting story? Coraline's family has just moved into a new home. Curiously, all fourteen doors open and shut but one. Behind this locked door is a brick wall until Coraline opens the door, finding a passageway to a home exactly like her own. At first, Coraline is enchanted with the toy box full of wind-up angels, chattering dinosaur skulls, animated books, and the pleasing parents. Soon Coraline notices something sinister is happening. She sees children trapped in mirrors and realizes she's a prisoner too. How will Coraline free these children and return to her own family?

#### **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** by Robert O'Brien

Mrs. Frisby, widowed with four children, faces a pressing problem. Her family needs to leave their winter home but her youngest, Timothy, has pneumonia. Mrs. Frisby is a field mouse whose fierce love for her children propels her to risk flying on the back of a crow to consult an owl who gives her strange advice: seek the help of the extraordinary rats of NIMH who live under rose bush at the Fitzgibbon farm. With laboratory-enhanced intelligence, these rats come up with an amazing solution and Mrs. Frisby helps them in return. Newbery winner.

#### **The Cricket in Times Square** by George Selden

When Chester Cricket follows the aroma of liverwurst into a picnic basket and onto a train, he never dreams he'll end up in the Times Square subway station in New York City. His life in a Connecticut meadow is far behind. Luckily, he becomes friends with Tucker, a streetwise mouse, and Harry Cat. Plus, Mario, the son of Mama and Papa Bellini who own the newsstand, hears Chester's musical chirping and makes Chester feel right at home. This Newbery winner is a delightful twist on the folktale of the country mouse and the city mouse.

#### **Love, Ruby Lavender** by Deborah Wiles

Nine-year-old Ruby Lavender is not looking forward to a summer in Halleluia, Mississippi without her beloved grandmother, Miss Eula. Soon after they rescued three chickens from a closing egg ranch, Miss Eula has told Ruby that she's going to Hawaii to visit a new grandbaby and leave behind her memories of her husband's death in a car accident last summer. Ruby worries that Miss Eula will forget her, love the new grandchild more, and blames herself for what happened. With humor and honesty Ruby writes Miss Eula unforgettable letters about the chickens, her archenemy Melba Jane, and her new friend Dove. The summer takes a turn she could never have dreamed up.

## Authors to Enjoy!

Tom Angleberger	Peggy Gifford	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Louise Arnold	John Grisham	Jenny Nimmo
Avi	Dan Gutman	Scott O'Dell
E.D. Baker	Margaret P. Haddix	Mary Pope Osborne
Blue Balliett	Virginia Hamilton	Linda Sue Park
Marion Dane Bauer	Karen Hesse	Katherine Paterson
Jeanne Birdsall	Anthony Horowitz	Gary Paulsen
Elise Broach	James Howe	Richard Peck
Betsy Byars	Brian Jacques	Sara Pennypacker
Beverly Cleary	Carolyn Keene	Rick Riordan
Andrew Clements	Peg Kehret	Emily Rodda
Suzanne Collins	Dick King-Smith	Jon Sciescka
Susan Cooper	E.L. Konigsburg	Lemony Snicket
Sharon Creech	Gordon Korman	Zilpha K. Snyder
Christopher Paul Curtis	Madeline L'Engle	Elizabeth G. Speare
Roald Dahl	Gail Carson Levine	Jerry Spinelli
Kate DiCamillo	C.S. Lewis	Trenton Lee Stewart
Tony Diterlizzi	Grace Lin	Wendelin Van Draanen
Linda Ellerbee	Lois Lowry	Maryrose Wood
Cornelia Funke	Mike Lupica	Betty Ren Wright
Jack Gantos	Wendy Mass	Lisa Yee
Stuart Gibbs	Hillary McKay	Jane Yolen

## Great Family Read - Alouds

### **Joshua Dread** by Lee Bacon

“Our class got out of sixth period early the day my parents tried to flood earth.” So begins a terrific read about sixth grader Joshua Dread whose parents are super villains. The Dread Duo, his mom uses zombies and mutant house plants for her dastardly deeds, while his dad invents life-threatening gadgets like the one bringing a typhoon to their town. Their arch nemesis, Captain Justice, does save the world for another day but it's so embarrassing. All of a sudden Joshua detects strange things are happening around him: a pencil spontaneously combusts; bullies get stuffed into school lockers. What is going on? Could he have superpowers too? Join Joshua, Sophie and Milton for a fast-paced, page turner full of laughs and surprising developments.

### **The False Prince** by Jennifer Nielsen

Murder, deceit, and treachery threaten the medieval kingdom of Carthya. The royal family – king, queen, and heir – have been poisoned – a closely guarded secret. The prospect of civil war looms ahead. Enemy nations are circling like vultures sensing something is terribly wrong. The remaining heir, Prince Jaron, lost at sea years ago and presumed dead, is the kingdom's only hope. One of the king's regents, Conner, scheming for power, forcibly recruits three orphans who look like Prince Jaron to train to impersonate the missing prince.

In two weeks one orphan will be chosen and return with Conner to claim the throne. But who? Follow this high-stakes rivalry as our story's narrator, orphan Sage – a common thief and unlikely hero – bears close watching. Action-packed, this adventure/mystery will keep you turning the pages. 1st of a trilogy.