

# FOURTH GRADE SUMMER READING



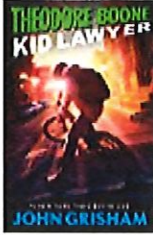
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"TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER."  
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**Required reading:**

Choose and read one of the following books:

*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by: John Grisham



In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk—and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected. Because he knows so much—maybe too much—he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth. The stakes are high, but Theo won't stop until justice is served.

*Wish* by Barbara O'Connor



Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. She even has a list of all the ways there are to make the wish, such as cutting off the pointed end of a slice of pie and wishing on it as she takes the last bite. But when she is sent to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to live with family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is until she meets

Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart, and Howard, a neighbor boy who proves surprising in lots of ways. Suddenly Charlie is in serious danger of discovering that what she thought she wanted may not be what she needs at all.

***Who's Afraid of Fourth Grade? (Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo: Super Special)*** by Nancy E. Krulik



At first, Katie and her friends can't wait to enter the fourth grade! But with the pressure of new classes, teachers, and friends, Katie isn't so sure she likes it after all. And to make matters worse, the magic wind appears twice-and turns her into her new friend Emma Weber, who has her hands full with three younger siblings to help take care of, and then into her former best friend Suzanne as she's about to make her fashion runway debut! What's a fourth-grader to do?

***The Chocolate Touch*** by Patrick Skene Catling



In this zany twist on the legend of King Midas and his golden touch, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate! Kids will eat this up for summer reading or anytime! Can you ever have too much of your favorite food? John Midas is about to find out....

***The Rhino in Right Field*** by Stacy Dekeyser



Nick wants to change his life. For twelve years, he's done what his hard-working, immigrant parents want him to do. Now he's looking for his own American dream and he thinks he's found it. The local baseball team is having a batboy contest, and Nick wants to win. But the contest is on a Saturday—the day Nick has to work in his father's shop. There's one other tiny—well, not so tiny—problem. A 2,000-pound rhinoceros named Tank. Nick and his friends play ball in the city zoo—and Tank lives just beyond the right field fence. Nick's experience getting the ball out of Tank's pen has left him frozen with fear whenever a fly ball comes his way. How's a lousy fielder going to win the contest?

## Assignment

After reading the book, you will make an 8 slideshow in Google Slides.

- **Frame 1** - General Information: Title, author, genre, picture of the book and your name
- **Frame 2** - Characters: Names of the main characters, a list of three character traits for each, and pictures of what you think each character may look like.
- **Frame 3** - Describe the setting of the story. Include a picture of what you think the setting would be like.
- **Frame 4** - What is the main problem (conflict) in the story? What are two key events that take place in the beginning of the story? Include pictures of what you visualized was happening for each key event.
- **Frame 5** - What challenges were depicted in the story? What are two key events that take place in the middle of the story? Include pictures of what you visualized was happening for each key event.
- **Frame 6** - What was the climax of the story? What happened in the story after the climax? Don't give the solution to the main problem (the ending of the book) as it would spoil other students' enjoyment should they choose to read the book. Include pictures of what you visualized was happening at the climax and after.
- **Frame 7** - Describe your favorite part of the book and why you liked that specific part. Include a picture of this part of the book.
- **Frame 8**: Your thoughts: Did you like the book? Why or why not? Rate the book on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best book I have read in a while.

Hints on making and presenting a slideshow:

1. Slideshows are VISUAL. Do not put any paragraphs on your slides. You will present the slideshow by elaborating with your spoken words. The slide should be an attractive visual.
2. Less is better. Don't get too cluttered.
3. Create your slideshow with Google Slides and share them with me when you are finished.