

Summer is the perfect time for an adventure... 4th Grade Summer Assignment

You can escape to far away places, meet interesting people, and discover new and wonderful ideas. Lucky for you, you don't have to travel very far for your summer adventure. All you have to do is pick up a book and read. Take a journey through the pages of a book (or two or three) this summer, and you will have a summer to remember. You may choose to read either a non-fiction or fiction book and then do the activity based on that book.

Fiction reading

Use the list below to help you choose a fiction book. Or, you can choose one that is not on the list that is at least 90 pages or longer, and then complete an acrostic that you will share when you come back to school in August.

Here is a list of the 2017-2018 Sunshine Books for Grades 3 through 5

<i>Allie, First at Last</i>	Angela Cervantes
Castle Hangnail	Ursula Vernon
A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans	Laurence Yep and Joanna Ryder
Framed!	James Ponti
<i>The Hero Two Doors Down</i>	Sharon Robinson
Maxi's Secrets: Or What You Can Learn From a Dog	Lynn Plourde
<i>My Brother is a Superhero</i>	David Solomons
<i>Night of the Living Worms</i>	Dave Coverly
<i>Pugs of the frozen North</i>	Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre
<i>Save Me a Seat</i>	Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarjan
<i>Teddy Mars: Almost a World Record Breaker</i>	Molly Burnham
<i>The Vanishing Coin</i>	Kate Egan and Mike Lane
<i>A Whole New Ballgame</i>	Phil Bildner
<i>The Wild Robot</i>	Peter Brown
<i>Willy Maykit in Space</i>	Greg Trine

Other great choices are:

<i>Computer Nut</i>	Guy Byer
<i>Do Bananas Chew Gum?</i>	Jamie Gilson
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Madeline L'Engle
<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>	George Selden

Non-fiction reading

Sometimes it is fun to explore books on topics that interest us such as, math, science, sports, dance, art, cooking, etc. Books on these topics would make for great summer reading.

Suggestions:

Any title **by Seymour Simon**

The Math Curse by John Scieszka

The Science Curse by John Scieszka

After reading, complete the following book report.

Title of the Book

Author

Main topic of the book

List 10 facts (not opinions, even if they are in the book) that you learned from reading this book.

Write the facts in complete sentences

ACROSTIC POEM PROJECT

Here's how to create your acrostic poem. (Use the lines to check off when you have completed each requirement.)

_____ Creatively write the title of your book vertically down the left side of a sheet of paper, which can be computer paper, construction paper, or poster board (cut to 8 1/2" x 14"). Letters should be in all caps.

_____ Think of objects, events, characters, or ideas from the story that begin with each letter of the book title. The information in the poem should tell the setting (where the story takes place), characters (the main person the story is about and perhaps the supporting characters), conflict (the main problem of the story), and the resolution (the solution of the problem) of the book.

_____ Write the information next to each letter in the title of the book.

_____ Make sure to title the project with the name of the book (underlined) and the author, along with your name.

_____ Mount the project on colorful paper slightly larger in size from the paper on which the poem is written.

_____ Design a picture to accompany the poem. The picture should reflect a scene from the book. The picture can go directly on the page you write the poem, or a separate sheet, if necessary. If you draw a separate picture, please mount that on colorful paper, too.

_____ Lastly, be prepared to present your poem to your class and explain why or why not you would recommend this book to other children. You can practice reading your poem aloud at home before you present it at school.

Poem example:

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If your book title is very long (ex. The Cricket in Times Square), you can use a part of the title in the poem.*

T his book takes place in Connecticut and in Times Square in New York
H as a cricket as the main character
E xcitement throughout the entire book
C hester is the name of the cricket
R eveals that he has a musical talent
I s sometimes the cause of troubling events, like a fire in a newstand
C hester is found by Mario Bellini, a young boy who takes care of him
K eeps surprising the humans by his ability to chirp different types of music
E ventually becomes unhappy having to perform all the time
T akes a train back to his family in Connecticut
in Times Square