



Gulfstream Elementary School
Summer English/Language Arts Requirements
Incoming 4th Graders

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students entering the 4th grade must complete the following assignments, prior to the first day of school, August 19, 2019. These assignments are mandatory and will be the first grades your child earns for the 2019-2020 school year.

1st book MUST READ: Stealing the Sword by Wendy Mass

Additionally, students **must read a second book** from the list below and **complete one of the tasks for that book**. When your child returns, he/she will also be **required to take the correlating Accelerated Reader (AR) tests**.

2nd book: This one is your child's choice! Choose one book from the list below:

1. Bunnica by James & Deborah Howe
2. Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
3. Gracias a Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
4. Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury
5. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Reading Tasks:

Choose **one project** from below to complete on your chosen book.

1. Create a collage around the themes and main characters in this book.
2. Write a character diary, writing at least five journal entries as if you are the main character in the story. Write down events that happened during the story and reflect on how they affected the character and why.
3. Create a timeline of the major events in this book. Use drawings or magazine cut outs to show the events in this book. Label each event.
4. As a literary agent, write a letter to the publishing company designed to persuade them to publish this book.

Note to Parents: These projects can be easily created using lined paper and/or a composition book. Feel free to be creative!

You can purchase these books at local book stores or online such as Barnes and Noble, Books & Books, and amazon.com.

Summer Literacy Adventure

Florida's students are being challenged to pledge to read as many books as possible throughout the summer break.

Each student can fill out his or her pledge at:

<http://web02.fldoe.org/SummerLitAdv/SummerLitAdventure.aspx>

Thank you for your support!

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