

**Welcome to Fourth Grade!** I hope everyone has a relaxing and refreshing summer with lots of time spent outside and exploring :)

Here are twelve books that have my stamp of approval because they are fun and teach us new things! You can see many of them have also won awards for being the best in their category.



Please read our class book ***The Secret Lake***. You are more than welcome to read any other book from this list as well. I hope you will also read other books or articles this summer that you can share with me in the fall! Try to pick something new that will stretch your brain and help you grow as a reader and thinker! I also love ***Time for Kids*** which has a great website and posts free new articles quite often <https://www.timeforkids.com/g34/>

- For our class book ***The Secret Lake***, draw a picture of your favorite scene, write a one paragraph summary of the book, write a paragraph about your favorite character and be ready for class discussion :)

Have a great summer and I can't wait to see you in the fall!

Ms. G

***Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles***  
Karen English

***Love Amalia***  
Alma Flor Ada

***The Dreamer***  
Pam Munoz Ryan

***The Secret Lake***  
Karen Inglis

***Tales of a 4th grade Nothing***  
Judy Blume

***Black Beauty***  
Anna Sewell

***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon***  
Grace Lin

***The Penderwicks***  
Jeanne Birdsall

***Esperanza Rising***  
Pam Munoz Ryan

***How Tia Lola Came to Visit (Stay)***  
Julia Alvarez

***The One and Only Bob***  
Katherine Applegate

***Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars***  
Gregory Zuckerman, Elijah Zuckerman, Gabriel Zuckerman

