



## 25 Books-Fourth Grade Requirements



Fourth Grade students are required to read a minimum of 25 books for the 2011-2012 school year. After finishing a book, students must record the book's information on their **Reading Bingo/Book Log** (included in this packet) and get a parent/guardian signature. The purpose of the Bingo sheet is to ensure that students read a variety of genres. Books need to be on your child's independent reading level. Students will be given a reading assessment at the beginning of the year to determine their independent reading level. Books should be read nightly and brought to school daily to be used during center work. Please be aware that your child's independent reading will be monitored and will be a part of his/her reading grade.

In addition to recording books read on the **Reading Bingo/Book Log**, students are required to complete 2 book responses per 9-weeks. The responses may be on any book read during the 9-week period. Each book response completed will be different depending on the genre of the book. Please refer to the genre list and directions in this packet to help your child complete responses. Please see the chart below that shows how many books and responses are required each 9-weeks. Books read over the summer can be recorded for the 1<sup>st</sup> 9-Weeks.

	1 <sup>st</sup> 9-Weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9-Weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9-Weeks	4 <sup>th</sup> 9-Weeks
# of books read	7	6	6	6
# of book responses completed	2	2	2	2
Total books/responses up to this point	7/2	13/4	19/6	25/8

Please encourage your child to keep up with their reading regularly. Students who meet their 25 book goal will celebrate at the end of year reading celebration. Thank you for your support!

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Reading BINGO/ Book Log**

After finishing a book, fill in the appropriate square and have your parent signature.

<p><b>Realistic Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Science Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Fantasy Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Mystery</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Poetry</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>
<p><b>Free Choice</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Nonfict./ Informational</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Mystery</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Realistic Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Nonfict./ Informational</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>
<p><b>Poetry</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Fantasy Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Biography</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Free Choice</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Historical Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>
<p><b>Free Choice</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Mystery</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Science Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Nonfict./ Informational</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Fantasy Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>
<p><b>Nonfict./ Informational</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Free Choice</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Biography</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Realistic Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>	<p><b>Historical Fiction</b> Date: _____ Title: _____ _____ Author: _____ # of pgs.: _____ Sign: _____</p>

For Teacher	1 <sup>st</sup> 9-Weeks Pink	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9-Weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9-Weeks	4 <sup>th</sup> 9-Weeks
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Use Only		Blue	Green	Yellow
# of books read	7	6	6	6
book responses	2	2	2	2

## Genres

**Biography**: The story of a real person's life written by another person.

**Mystery**: A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story. A series of clues is given to help the character solve the problem.

**Science Fiction**: A type of fantasy that uses science and technology. (robots, time machines, etc.)

**Poetry**: Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme.

**Informational / Nonfiction**: Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.) The information in these types of texts is always real.

**Realistic Fiction**: A story using made-up characters but could happen in real life.

**Fantasy Fiction**: A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. These texts are stories where things happen that couldn't happen in the real world.

**Autobiography**: The story of a real person's life that is written by that person.

**Fable**: A fantasy story where the character learns an important lesson.

**Historical Fiction:** A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.

## Book Response Directions for Each Genre

### Biography

A response for a biography should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. Who was the book written about?
4. Write a summary of what things you learned about this person. (Include at least 5 facts.)

### Mystery

A response for a mystery should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. What was the mystery?
4. What were some of the clues that helped to solve the mystery?
5. Who solved the mystery and how did they solve it?

### Science Fiction

A response for a science fiction book should include and answer the questions below:

2. What was the title?
3. Who was the author?
4. Write a summary of the book's events. (Remember to include in your summary: the story's setting, characters, problem and solution.)
5. Give at least two examples of things that the author used that made this book *science fiction*. (For example: Did he or she write about robots or experiments in labs?)

### Poetry

A response for poetry should include and answer the questions below:

Choose 5 poems from the poetry book that you liked the best.

1. What were the titles of all five poems?
2. Who were the authors?
3. Tell what you liked about *each* of the five poems you chose.

### Informational / Nonfiction

A response for a nonfiction book should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. Who was the illustrator/photographer of the book?
4. What was the main topic of this book?
5. Write five facts you learned from this book.

## **Realistic Fiction**

A response for a realistic fiction book should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. Write a summary of the book's events. (Remember to include in your summary: the story's setting, characters, problem and solution.)
4. What were at least 2 things in the book that made the book seem like it *could* really have happened in real life?

## **Fantasy Fiction**

A response for a fantasy fiction book should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. Write a summary of the book's events. (Remember to include in your summary: the story's setting, characters, problem and solution.)
4. What were at least 2 things in the book that *could not* really happen in real life?

## **Autobiography**

A response for an autobiography should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. Who was the book written about?
4. Write a summary of things you learned about this person. (Include at least 5 facts.)

## **Fable**

A response for a fable should include and answer the questions below:

Read at least 5 short fables.

1. What were the titles of the 5 fables you chose?
2. Who were the authors?
3. Write a summary of *each* fable's events. (Remember to include in your summary: the fable's setting, characters, problem, and solution.)
4. What was the moral of *each* fable?

## **Historical Fiction**

A response for a historical fiction book should include and answer the questions below:

1. What was the title?
2. Who was the author?
3. Write a summary of the book's events. (Remember to include in your summary: the story's setting, characters, problem and solution.)
4. What time period (era) did the story take place?