

4th Grade Summer Reading Instructions

Required Materials

- Read one book from the **2018-19 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Finalists**
- The Young Naturalist's Guide to Florida By: Peggy Sias Lantz and Wendy A. Hale \$18.95

Students are required to complete the following activities, and bring them to class on Monday, August 13, 2018.

Sunshine State Young Readers activities:

Students should read the book and complete 1 of the following activities of their choice.

1. Make a movie poster: Pretend that your book is an upcoming movie coming to a theater near you! Design a poster showing a scene that would make viewers want to see the movie. Give it a movie rating (G, PG, etc.) and a creative cast to play the main characters of your movie.
2. Make a collage of pictures: Make a poster of pictures that represent the story. Poster should be no smaller than an 8.5 X 11 piece of paper.
3. Write a letter: Write a personal letter to one of the characters that you admire or despise. Be sure to give specific examples from the book to support why you feel that way.
4. Write a newspaper article: Write a short newspaper article about the main problem being faced in the story and the resolution.
5. Scrapbook: Pretend you were one of the main characters of the story. Create a scrapbook of at least 5 pictures with captions that you would have experienced in the story. Pictures may be hand drawn, printed from computer, or taken with a camera.
6. Journal: Write 2 journal entries from one character of your choice. Remember to write the entry as if you were the character writing it yourself.
7. Comic: Create a 10 square comic with captions covering 10 events that happened in the story. Be sure to include events from the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Be sure to color your pictures and write your captions in complete sentences 😊
8. Diorama: Create a diorama of your favorite scene from the book. Be sure to include a brief description of the scene and what chapter it happened in on an index card taped to the back of your box.

9. Character Bag: Bring in a bag of 5 things that would best represent a character from the book.
10. Letter to the author: Write a letter to the author sharing your thoughts about the book. Did you like it? Why or why not? What would you have changed or included to make the story better?
11. Song lyrics: Take a song of your choice and write lyrics that relate to the book.

The Young Naturalist's Guide to Florida activities:

****This book will be a resource we will use in class this year. Students do not need to read the book cover to cover.****

- Students should read the chapter titled, "Keeping a Nature Journal." After reading the chapter, child should create a journal of at least 10 things they saw, heard, smelled, or felt in nature over summer break. Include a picture (hand drawn, taken with a camera, or complete a rubbing), description of where you saw it, the time of day you found it, and a description of the object in complete sentences.

In addition, students should also bring their "all-time favorite" book and a chapter book to school on the 1st day of school. It can be any book, the only requirement is that it is their favorite book.



Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2018-2019 List for Grades 3-5



***The Ark Plan* by Laura Martin**

Five years ago, Sky Mundy's father vanished from North Compound without a trace. Now she has just stumbled on a clue that not only suggests his disappearance is just the tip of an even larger mystery, but also points directly to the surface. To find her dad—and possibly even save the world—Sky and her best friend, Shawn, must break out of their underground home and venture topside to a land reclaimed by nature and ruled by dinosaurs.



***The Doublecross: (And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy)* by Jackson Pearce**

Everyone in twelve-year-old Hale's family is a spy going way back. They've all worked for the Sub Rosa Society, an elite organization that's so top secret that new agents aren't recruited; they're born. His parents may be the ultimate spy team at SRS, but Hale isn't your typical stealthy spy—he is, as his mother puts it, "big-boned," and as some of his classmates put it, "fat." Still, he's convinced he will someday be a great field agent. After all, it's his legacy.



***Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro**

Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what's wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it's too late?



***The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff**

Winnie's last day of fourth grade ended with a pretty life-changing surprise. That was the day Winnie's parents got divorced and decided that Winnie would live three days a week with each of them and spend Wednesdays by herself in a treehouse between their houses, to divide her time perfectly evenly. It was the day Winnie's seed of frustration with her parents was planted, a seed that grew until it felt like it was as big as a tree itself.



***Home Sweet Motel* by Chris Grabenstein**

Eleven-year-old P. T. Wilkie may be the greatest storyteller alive. But he knows one thing for a fact: the Wonderland Motel is the best place a kid could ever live! There's only one thing the Wonderland doesn't have, though—customers. And if the Wonderland doesn't get them soon, P.T. and his friend Gloria may have to say goodbye to their beloved motel forever. They need to think BIG. They need to think BOLD. They need an OUTRAGEOUS plan.



***I Love You, Michael Collins* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted**

It's 1969 and the country is gearing up for what looks to be the most exciting moment in U.S. history: men landing on the moon. Ten-year-old Mamie's class is given an assignment to write letters to the astronauts. Only Mamie writes to Michael Collins, the astronaut who will come so close but never achieve everyone else's dream of walking on the moon, because he is the one who must stay with the ship. After school ends, Mamie keeps writing to Michael Collins, taking comfort in telling someone about what's going on with her family, one by one, they leave the house thinking that someone else is taking care of her—until she is all alone except for her cat and her best friend, Buster. And as the date of the launch nears, Mamie can't help but wonder: Does no one stay with the ship anymore?



***Lemons* by Melissa Savage**

Lemonade Liberty Witt's mama always told her: When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. But Lem can't possibly make lemonade out of her new life in Willow Creek, California—the Bigfoot Capital of the World—where she's forced to live with a grandfather she's never met after her mother passes away.