

Fourth Grade Summer Reading

Your child will be required to read two books this summer as **graded assignments** when he/she returns to school for the fourth grade. All assignments are due the first week of school.

Assignment #1: Please have your child read Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume. Students should answer the following attached questions for the book in complete sentences.

Assignment #2: Please have your child select a second book for a book report (titles from which to choose are listed below). The book report format is explained on the attached page. Below is a list of the titles in the *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne that your child may choose from for the book report.

Thanksgiving on Thursday

Revolutionary War on Wednesday

Civil War on Sunday

Book Report Format

This is the basic format you will need to follow in writing your book report. It must be neatly written on lined paper. Remember to indent each paragraph and check your work for correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

Introductory Paragraph

- Include title of the book and the author
- Describe the setting (where and when the story takes place)
- Give a main idea statement (this book is about...), but keep it short

Body Paragraphs (3-4 paragraphs)

- Tell about the main characters in the story
 - Give details about character traits
 - Tell how the characters are part of the story
- Tell about the problem in the story
 - Tell who is involved in the problem
 - Tell why the problem needs to be solved
- Tell about how the problem was solved
 - Tell who solved the problem
 - Tell what happened after the problem was solved
- Tell about the event from history that you read about in this story
 - Jack uses a book during each story to learn new facts
 - Write three new facts that you learned from reading this book

Conclusion

- Tell what you thought about the book
- Tell if you would want your friends to read the book (why or why not?)
- **Remember: a winning paper uses examples from the book to back up the writing!**

Visit the following website to learn more about Judy Blume: <http://www.judyblume.com/menu-main.html>

Chapters 1-2

1. What did Fudge do to the Yarby's suitcase? _____
2. According to Peter, what was his biggest problem? _____
3. What did Fudge do with the flowers? _____
4. Where does Peter live? _____
5. Tell about a time when you won something special, or tell about your pet.

Chapters 3-4

1. What did Peter's father do when Fudge didn't eat his cereal? _____

2. Why did Fudge eat his dinner on the floor? _____

3. Who did Mrs. Hatcher blame for Fudge's accident? _____
4. According to Peter, why don't leaves turn bright colors in the fall in New York City?

5. What did Grandma tell Fudge to get him to drink his milkshake? _____

Chapters 5-6

1. What did Fudge do when he saw the saddle shoes Mr. Berman brought out?

2. What did Fudge do with his peas during lunch?

3. What was Dr. Brown's rule about mothers?

Chapters 7-8

1. What other thing happened to cause Peter's parents to put a lock on his door?

2. What did Peter say he would do rather than take money from Fudge?

3. Why was Sheila going to rewrite all their written work into the booklet?

4. What happened to the first poster?

Chapters 9-10

1. What did Fudge do with his popcorn during the movie?

2. What present did Peter get?

3. What did Mr. Hatcher make for dinner for Fudge and Peter?

4. What would the doctors have to do to Fudge if the medicine didn't work?
