To parents of Incoming Fourth Graders:
Your child is required to read **three books** over the summer. **The following title is required:**

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume

To complete the requirement, choose **two titles** from the list below. Brief annotations have been provided for each title to help you and your child with selection.

**Poppy** by Avi
Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

**The World According to Humphrey** by Betty G. Birney
Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role in helping his classmates and teacher.

**Dear Mr. Henshaw** by Beverly Cleary
In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents’ divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

**Matilda** by Roald Dahl
Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

**The Lemonade War** by Jacqueline Davies
Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

**Lily’s Crossing** by Patricia Reilly Giff
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily’s friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.
**Hoboken Chicken Emergency** by Daniel Manus Pinkwater
Henrietta, a 15 feet tall, 266 pound chicken, is lost. She roams the streets hungry and frightened as the fire and police department looks for her.

**Cricket in Times Square** by George Selden
The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

**Little House on the Prairie** by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Laura and her family journey by covered wagon into Indian territory.

**What Elephants Know** by Eric Dinerstein
Abandoned in the jungle of the Nepalese Borderlands, two-year-old Nandu is found living under the protective watch of a pack of wild dogs. From his mysterious beginnings, fate delivers him to the King's elephant stable, where he is raised by unlikely parents - the wise head of the stable, Subba-sahib, and Devi Kali, a fierce and affectionate female elephant.