

Greetings, Grade Four Trailblazers!

As the school year draws to a close and you look forward to the restful days of vacation, it is a great time to start thinking about what books you would like to dive into this summer!

Part 1

This summer, I want you to read at least three books from three different genres. A genre is a category or type of book. Here's a list of genres I copied from Scholastic. If you visit the site, it also gives you book suggestions for each genre:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/kid-friendly-guide-to-new-reading-genres.html>

Realistic Fiction

A genre of stories that are made up but could very well happen in real life. These stories often take place in settings familiar to your child — like schools — which makes them more relatable.

Historical Fiction

A genre of stories that didn't really happen, but are based on events in history. They're perfect for kids who love to explore the past, and are often full of big adventures.

Traditional Literature

A genre in which stories are passed down from one generation to the next, such as tall tales and folktales. You probably heard a number of these as a child.

Science Fiction

A genre of stories that are not very likely to happen in real life, but are generally set in the future and tie in with science and technology.

Fantasy

A genre of stories that are made up and include ideas that could not happen in real life, often involving magical or supernatural elements, such as talking animals.

Mystery

A genre of stories that involve a secret or crime that needs to be solved, usually by the end of the story.

Informational

A type of nonfiction that provides factual information about a particular topic such as sports, animals, or historical events.

Biography

An account of someone's life written by another person. These books are great not only for reading, but for inspiring!

Autobiography

An account of someone's life written by that person.

Poetry

A genre where verses, that may or may not rhyme, are written to evoke a feeling from a reader.

Use the following page to help you keep track of the genres and books you decide to read.

Name _____

Book Genre

List

Use this chart to keep track of the books you read. For each of the three genres you select, fill in the title of the book as well as the author. If you handwrite this, please underline the book title. If you type this, please put the book title in italics.

Genre	Title	Author
Realistic fiction		
Historical fiction		
Traditional literature		
Science fiction		
Fantasy		
Mystery		
Informational		
Biography		

Autobiography		
Poetry		

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Part 2

Write a letter to Mrs. Garrity about each of the stories you read. Would you recommend the book to others? Why or why not? What did you enjoy in the story? Was there a theme or message in the story?

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