

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School 2017 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 4*		
Required Reading		
<i>Lowji Discovers America</i>	Fleming, Candice	Realistic Fiction
Read at least three more books - one from this list.		
Nonfiction		
<i>Botanicum</i>	Willis, Kathy	Nonfiction - Companion to Animalium and Historium, readers make their way through seven different galleries of plant life.
<i>Bravo!: Poems About Amazing Hispanics</i>	Engle, Margarita	Poetry - Bold, graphic portraits and beautiful poems present famous and lesser known Latinos from varied backgrounds.
<i>Duel, The: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr</i>	St. George, Judith	Nonfiction - The curiously parallel lives of Hamilton and Burr and what eventually led to their famous duel.
<i>Grand Canyon</i>	Chin, Jason	Travel through the Grand Canyon with and daughter as they learn how it was formed over millions of years, who and what have lived there today and long ago.
<i>Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor (An Abolitionist Tale about Harriet Tubman) (graphic novels)</i>	Hale, Nathan	Nonfiction - Revolutionary War spy Nathan Hale tells a hangman and British officer about the life of Harriet Tubman and her life-risking dedication to helping runaway slaves find freedom.
<i>I Feel Better With a Frog in my Throat</i>	Beccia, Carlyn	Nonfiction - This book recounts all the crazy things people did to make themselves feel better before science told them otherwise!
<i>Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph</i>	Orgill, Roxane	Poetry - In 21 poems, Orgill introduces Art Kane's iconic 1958 Harlem photograph to young readers, spotlighting many of the 57 jazz musicians pictured.
<i>Masters of Disguise: Amazing Animal Tricksters</i>	Johnson, Rebecca L.	In the animal kingdom, survival is the name of the game, but not everything is as it seems. Find out more about the animals that rely on particularly clever tricks to fool predators or prey.
<i>Rising Above : How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars</i>	Zuckerman, Gregory	Biography - Stories of 11 athletes overcoming adversity to get to the top of their sports.
<i>Somos como las nubes / We Are Like the Clouds</i>	Argueta, Jorge	Poetry - Twenty poems, in Spanish and English, present first-person vignettes of unaccompanied youths traveling from Central America to the U.S., hoping to find a safer life and reunite with family.
<i>Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White</i>	Sweet, Melissa	Biography - A detailed biography of the life and work of New Yorker writer and children's-book author E.B. White.
<i>Super Women: Six Scientists who changed the world</i>	Lawlor, Laurie	Inspiring profiles of six 20th-century trailblazers in science.
<i>The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk</i>	Jan Thornhill	Nonfiction - Great Auks, flightless birds resembling penguins, were prolific in the icy waters of the northern Atlantic until human hunters, egg collectors, and climate change led to their extinction.
<i>What Was the Lewis and Clark Expedition?</i>	St. George, Judith	Nonfiction - Presents an account of the two-and-a-half-year expedition that yielded vast knowledge of the West, geographically and scientifically.
<i>You Wouldn't Want to be an American Pioneer!</i>	Morley, Jacqueline	Nonfiction - A funny & irreverent look at the daily difficulties of life as an American Pioneer.
Fiction		
<i>5 Worlds, Book 1: The Sand Warrior (graphic novel)</i>	Siegel, Mark and Alexis	Fantasy - A sudden attack on the world of Mon Domani and its inhabited moons brings together a sand dancer, a street urchin, and an sports star with a secret to battle a greater foe.

<i>All the Wrong Questions (series)</i>	Snicket, Lemony	Mystery - Thirteen-year-old Lemony Snicket begins his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson of the secretive V.F.D. in the tiny dot of a town called Stain'd By The Sea, where he helps investigate the theft of a statue.
<i>Beautiful Blue World</i>	LaFleur, Suzanne	Fiction - When children are tested to determine their suitability for war-related service, Mathilde is selected and sent to a secret location where no communication with family or friends is allowed.
<i>Best Man, The</i>	Peck, Richard	Realistic Fiction - Archer Magill is trying to grow up to be the best man he can be. He knows he is a little clueless, but he has good role models in his grandfather, father and uncle, and perhaps in his new male teacher, who may or may not be interested in Archer's uncle.
<i>Beyond the Bright Sea</i>	Wolk, Lauren	Historical Fiction - Crow was abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor. A chain of events leads Crow onto a dangerous path to find out where she came from.
<i>Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond, The</i>	Woods, Brenda	Realistic Fiction - A biracial girl finally gets the chance to meet the African American side of her family.
<i>Bobby vs. Girls: Accidentally (series)</i>	Yee, Lisa	Realistic Fiction - Robert Carver Ellis-Chan is a normal 4th grader who always seems to get into crazy messes.
<i>Distance to Home, The</i>	Bishop, Jen	Sports Fiction - Pitcher Quinnen Donnelly is reluctant to go back to playing baseball because she's still mourning her sister, Haley, who died nine months ago.
<i>Family Fletcher, The (series)</i>	Levy, Dana Alison	Realistic Fiction - A family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets deal with school and summer vacations.
<i>Doorman's Repose, The</i>	Raschka, Chris	Realistic Fiction - A grand old apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side is the setting for a series of tales filled with humor.
<i>Full Court Dreams (series)</i>	Maddox, Jake	Sports Fiction - After being cut from the basketball team the year before, Annie and her best friends Megan and Emma are determined to make the team this year.
<i>Full of Beans</i>	Holm, Jennifer L.	Historical Fiction - Bean and his gang of friends find the resources to survive the Great Depression's hardships in their hometown of Key West, Florida.
<i>Gabby Garcia's Ultimate Playbook</i>	Palmer, Iva-Marie	Sports Fiction - Twelve-year-old Gabby is the star pitcher for her school, but when she finds that she will need to transfer schools, her plans to maintain her golden child status go awry.
<i>Gauntlet, The</i>	Riazi, Karuna	Fantasy - A trio of friends from New York City find themselves trapped inside a mechanical board game that they must dismantle in order to save themselves and generations of other children.
<i>Great Cake Mystery, The (series)</i>	Smith, Alexander McCall	Mystery - When a piece of cake goes missing in her class, Precious sets out to find the thief.
<i>Harry Miller's Run</i>	Almond, David	Fiction - Nearing the end of his life, a beloved old runner passes the torch to an eager young one.
<i>Hello, Universe</i>	Kelly, Erin Entrada	Realistic Fiction - In the span of a day, four lives intersect together in unexpected ways. With a little help from the universe, a rescue is performed, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms.
<i>The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend</i>	Robinson, Sharon	Sports Fiction - Steven Satlow is an eight-year-old boy living in Brooklyn, New York, which means he only cares about one thing-the Dodgers.
<i>Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place, The (series)</i>	Wood, Maryrose	Mystery - 3 unfortunate orphans and their funny English governess encounter all sorts of crazy mysteries at Ashton Place.
<i>Just Like Me</i>	Cavanaugh, Nancy	Realistic Fiction - Although she doesn't identify as Chinese, Julia, an 11-year-old girl adopted from China, is sent to sleepaway camp for a week to bond with the two other girls who were adopted from the same orphanage at the same time.
<i>Kickoff Time</i>	Hughes, Dean	Sports Fiction - Jacob Scott, of Angel Park baseball fame, finds out first-hand that soccer is just as exciting as baseball, and maybe more demanding.

<i>Look both ways in the Barrio Blanco</i>	Robbins Rose, Judith	Realistic Fiction - When Jacinta Juarez is paired with a rich, white mentor, half of her aches for the comfort of her family and familiar safety of the barrio, while the other half longs to embrace a more successful future.
<i>Long Shot (Comeback Kids series)</i>	Lupica, Mike	Sports Fiction - Pedro loves basketball, but he starts to have trouble with a teammate when they both run for class president.
<i>Lowriders in Space (series)</i>	Camper, Cathy	Graphic Novel - Camper introduces readers to Lupe Impala, Flapjack Octopus, and Elirio Malaria, three friends who love working with cars and dream of having their own garage shop in space.
<i>Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess</i>	Green, Shari	Realistic Fiction - Macy, a deaf sixth-grader attends a mainstream school with the help of an interpreter, but with her mother remarrying she will need to move to her new stepdad's house. Uncomfortable with this, she finds a kindred spirit in an elderly neighbor who will also be moving, but into assisted living.
<i>Me and Marvin Gardens</i>	King, Amy Sarig	Realistic Fiction - Obe Devlin finds a strange creature near his development only eats plastic. The animal--Marvin Gardens--soon becomes Obe's best friend and biggest secret.
<i>Molly & Pim and the Millions of Stars</i>	Murray, Martine	Fantasy - When her mother is accidentally transformed by a powerful potion, Molly learns to accept the magic in her own life.
<i>Moo</i>	Creech, Sharon	Following her family's move from New York City to rural Maine, an unexpected bond develops between twelve-year-old Reena, an eccentric neighbor, and an ornery cow.
<i>Real Friends (graphic novel)</i>	Hale, Shannon	A graphic memoir of one girl's recognizable and sometimes painful struggle to make and keep "one good friend."
<i>Save Me a Seat</i>	Weeks, Sarah and Gita Varadatajan	Realistic Fiction - Alternating voices in each chapter, Ravi, a recent immigrant from Bangalore, and Joe, a Caucasian boy with Auditory Processing Disorder discuss the obstacles they each face when dealing with a school bully.
<i>Slacker</i>	Korman, Gordon	Fiction - Cameron Boxer is very happy to spend his life avoiding homework, hanging out with his friends, and gaming for hours in his basement. It's not too hard for him to get away with it... until he gets so caught up in one game that he almost lets his house burn down around him.
<i>Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard (A Peter Nimble Adventure)</i>	Auxier, Jonathan	Fantasy - Sophie is given an extraordinary book to repair, and with it comes all manner of magic and danger.
<i>STAT: Standing tall and talented (series)</i>	Stoudemire, Amar'e	Sports Fiction - Sports lovers will enjoy the basketball action in this series based on the author's growing up experience and later life as an NBA player.
<i>Three Pennies</i>	Crowder, Melanie	Eleven-year-old Marin desperately searches for her birthmother knowing time is running out before she is adopted, and discovers for the first time in her life what it feels like to be truly wanted by someone.
<i>Tuesday McGillycuddy (series)</i>	Banks, Angelica	Fantasy - Tuesday McGillycuddy, finding her mother missing and the window in front of her typewriter desk wide open, begins to type her own story and finds herself pulled into the magical world of writing.
<i>Under the Egg</i>	Fitzgerald, Laura Marx	Mystery - Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.
<i>Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts, The: Being an Absolutely Accurate Autobiographical Account of My Follies, Fortune, and Fate</i>	Avi	Historical Fiction - A 12-year-old boy is left to fend for himself in 18th-century England following a terrible storm and the disappearance of his father.
<i>What Elephants Know</i>	Dinerstein, Eric	Realistic Fiction - Nandu, an orphan boy living in the borderlands of between Nepal and India, must find a way to save his village and the livelihood of his family and become a great elephant driver.
<i>When the Sea Turned to Silver</i>	Lin, Grace	Fantasy - Chinese folklore intertwines with Pinmei and Yishan's perilous journey to save Pinmei's storyteller grandmother from the clutches of the evil Tiger Emperor.

Classic Parent Read-Alouds		
<i>Prince and the Pauper, The</i>	Twain, Mark	Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places and each learns something about the other's very different station in life.
<i>Phantom Tollbooth, The</i>	Juster, Norton	A quirky fantasy and logic story featuring Milo, a restless and precocious ten-year-old, who learns to appreciate the ordinary things in life after he embarks on a wondrous journey.
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