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**AQUINAS ACADEMY  
2021 SUMMER READING LIST FOR GRADE 4**

Please help your child choose two books from the following selections for summer reading. After your child has read a book, he or she should:

**FOR THE FIRST BOOK:**

- Prepare a cover page with the name of the book, name of the author, and an illustration. Also, include your name!
- Write a two-paragraph summary of the book.
- Write a one-paragraph response to the book (for example, what did you like and/or dislike about this book?)
- Print, use your best cursive writing, or type your report.

**FOR THE SECOND BOOK, YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES (DIORAMA OR PUPPET):**

**For the Diorama:**

- Make a diorama using a shoebox or other small box showing your favorite scene of the book. Use your imagination!
- On an index card attached or glued to your box, write your name, the name of the book, the author, and a few complete sentences telling about your scene.

**For the Puppet:**

- Make a puppet of your favorite character from the book you read.
- On an index card attached or pinned to your puppet, write your name, the name of the book, the author, and the name of your puppet character. Write a few complete sentences describing this character and his or her part in the story.

Your child should bring the two book assignments with him or her on the first day of classes. Happy Summer Reading!

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## FOURTH GRADE SUMMER READING SELECTIONS

### **Little House on the Prairie** – Laura Ingalls Wilder

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, and fight a prairie fire.

### **The Cricket in Times Square** – George Seldon

Chester, a cricket, arrives in a New York City subway station in a picnic basket, and he takes up residence at the Bellinis' newsstand. There he is lucky enough to make friends with a little boy named Mario, a fast-talking Broadway mouse named Tucker, and his pal, Harry the Cat. Together, they manage to bring success to the newsstand.

### **Sign of the Beaver** – Elizabeth George Speare

Twelve-year old Matt is trying his best to survive on his own until his father returns to their cabin in the Maine wilderness. When many months pass, and there is no sign of his family, Matt must decide if he should wait or move to a new life with his Indian friends.

### **What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? or And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?** – both by Jean Fritz.

Choose one of these interesting and often witty biographies of two American heroes.

### **Indian Captive** – Lois Lenski

Twelve-year old Mary Jemison is taken captive, along with her family, by Indian warriors in 1758. Mary is separated from her parents and siblings, and is taken to live with the Seneca tribe. The story is based on a true story.

### **Pollyanna** – Eleanor H. Porter

When Pollyanna is left an orphan, she goes to live with her rich Aunt Polly, who gives her a stuffy little attic room, where she hopes Pollyanna will be out of her way. But Pollyanna is the kind of girl who always tries to find something to be happy about and soon she begins to change everyone's life in her new town, especially Aunt Polly's!

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**Five Children and It** – E. Nesbit

Four Children and their baby brother are ready for a summer of adventure at their new house in the country. But when they accidentally dig up a wish-granting, ill-tempered, prehistoric Sand-fairy, the children find themselves in one amazing adventure after another!

**Hans Brinker** – Mary Mapes Dodge

Hans and his sister Gretel, who live in Holland in the 1800's, have never been so happy! They've just received brand new ice skates. At last they have a chance to win the race for the silver skates! Even better, a great doctor has promised to see their father, who has been strangely ill. Maybe Christmas will be Merry after all!

**Because of Winn-Dixie** – Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year old Opal befriends a big, happy dog that she names Winn-Dixie. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal meets friends in her new hometown and lets go of some of the sadness left by her mother's abandoning her seven years earlier. Winn-Dixie touches Opal's life and the lives of others in many heartwarming ways.

**The One and Only Ivan**- Katherine Applegate

Based on a true story of a gorilla who lived in a shopping mall for 27 years. The arrival of a baby elephant changes his life.

**Bethlehem Books**

Choose any age-appropriate chapter-book selection from Bethlehem Books. This publisher is known for wholesome, character-building children's literature. Some of the suggested titles are The Mitchells, The Winged Watchman, The Bantry Bay series, and A Day on Skates.

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**Biography of a Saint** - Choose a chapter book about a saint. Consider biographies from Vision Book Series (Ignatius), Pauline saint chapter books, or books written by Mary Fabian Windeatt (Tan Books).