

# Jacksonville Classical Academy

# SUMMER READING

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The following books are suggested summer reading for rising 2nd grade students. We encourage all families to prioritize reading with their children over the summer and throughout the school year. Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards. Choose books from the following list or share some of your personal favorites. Children should be read to or read to a parent for at least 20 minutes each day.

A general rule for selecting books at the appropriate reading level: choose a page and ask your child to read it aloud. If he or she does not know more than five words on the page, the book may be too difficult for them to read independently. Don't let that discourage you - consider reading a "too difficult" book aloud to your child. Your child is never too old to enjoy being read to. This opens the door for quality time and interesting conversations.

- Huguenot Garden by Douglas M. Jones III
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
- The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
- My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo
- The Man Who Laid the Egg (Erasmus) by Louise A. Vernon
- Ink on His Fingers (Gutenberg) by Louise A. Vernon
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- Crispin by Avi
- Son of Charlemagne by Barbara Willard and Emil Weiss
- The Shakespeare Stealer (series) by Gary Blackwood
- Augustine the Farmer's Boy of Tagaste by P. De Zeeuw
- The River of Grace (John Calvin) by Joyce McPherson
- Saint Patrick: Pioneer Missionary to Ireland by Michael J. McHugh
- Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet
- Who Was Marco Polo? by Joan Holub
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton