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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Listed below is a summer reading list compiled by Mrs. McCloskey, our media specialist.

Sincerely,
Mr. Klimko
Principal

Grade Four-Grade Five

Buckley, Michael. *The Sisters Grimm: Fairy-Tale Detective.* Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm have gone from one bad foster home to another. When Relda goes missing, it is up to the girls to solve the mystery - which involves giants, pixies, fairies and witches. This mystery-adventure has lots of fantasy and just as much humor. A previous year's choice for the *One Book New Jersey Program*. *One Book New Jersey* is a statewide program that encourages New Jersey residents to read the same book based on their reading level.

Cowell, Cressida. *How to Train Your Dragon.* Continue reading about the adventures of the son of Stoick the Vast and future leader of the Hairy Hooligan Viking tribe in *How to Be a Pirate*. Check the library shelves for more books featuring the Viking misfit hero.

Clement, Andrew. *Frindle.* When Nick invents a new word, he sets off a series of events that soon spins out of control. Read other books by Andrew Clement.

Gutman, Dan. Baseball fans love his series of books about historical baseball figures. Not a fan of sports? Read his other books like *The Homework Machine* or *The Kid Who Ran For President*.

Norton, Mary. *The Borrowers.* Beneath the floorboards of a quiet country house lives a family of borrowers. When the tiny daughter is 'seen' by a boy, they must leave their home under the clock. Continue the series, which includes *The Borrowers Afield*, *The Borrowers Afloat* and *The Borrowers Aloft*.

Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret.* The 2008 Caldecott Medal winner. Hugo is a young orphan secretly living in the walls of a train station where he labors to complete a mysterious invention left by his father. Through the 500 pages, the suspenseful text and wordless double-page spreads narrate the tale in turns. Check out the audio book version with captivating sound effects.

Seymour, Simon. The Cranford Public Library has many books written by this nonfiction author.

Winkler, Henry. *Niagara Falls or Does It?* Hank, Ashley and Frankie are preparing for a 4th grade magic show. Hank's creative alternative to an English essay, a working model of the Niagara Falls, lands him in detention and he is grounded the week of the show. Will the show go on? Read other Hank Zipzer stories.

Woodruff, Elvira. *George Washington's Socks.* Five kids step inside a wooden rowboat and find they've stepped back in time to the eve of the Battle of Trenton. They try to find their way back home while experiencing the American Revolution firsthand.

*Whether it's a book, magazine, newspaper, or a comic book,
make sure reading is part of your summer!*