

## **Cranford Public Schools Summer Reading List Fourth Grade**

Bond, Michael **A Bear Called Paddington** - Life is never the same for the Brown family after they bring adventurous Paddington Bear into their home.

Brittian, Bill **The Wish Giver** - A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

Blume, Judy **Fudge-a-Mania** - Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge.

Byars, Betsy **The 18<sup>th</sup> Emergency** - When the toughest boy in school swears to kill him, 12-year-old Mouse finds little help from friends and must prepare for this emergency alone.

Caseley, Judith **Mr. Green Peas** - Norman is sad because he's the only one in his nursery school class who doesn't have a pet, until he gets the most outrageous pet in the world.

Christopher, Matt **Hat Trick** - When his older brother gets his picture in the paper for scoring three goals in a soccer game, Stookie tries to emulate his feat.

Dahl, Ronald **The B.F.G.** - Kid snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Fitzgerald, John Dennis **The Great Brain** - The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

Fitzhugh, Louise **Harriet the Spy** - When Harriet's classmates find her diary and read what she has written about them, they decide to make life miserable for her.

Fleischman, Sid **The Whipping Boy** - A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

Fritz, Jean **Shh! We're Signing the Constitution** - Describes how the Constitution came to be written and ratified. Also includes the full text of the document produced by the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Hesse, Karen **The Music of Dolphins** - Using sophisticated computer technology, a fifteen-year-old girl who has been raised by dolphins, records her thoughts about her reintroduction to the human world.

Hurwitz, Johanna **School Spirit** - Julio and other students at Edison-Armstrong Elementary School organize to prevent the closing of their school.

King-Smith, Dick **Harriet's Hare** - A young girl's life with her father on their farm in England is changed when she befriends a talking hare that is really a shape-changing alien.

Kipling, Rudyard **Just So Stories** - A collection of stories about animals, explaining such mysteries as why camels, leopards, elephants, and armadillos look the way they do.

Lindgren, Astrid **Pippi Longstocking (series)** - Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey—but without any parents—at the edge of a Swedish village.

Lawson, Robert **Ben and Me** - Amos, a poor church mouse, goes out into the world to make his living, and establishes himself in Ben Franklin's old fur hat. Amos makes himself very important to Ben with his advice and information.

Lofting, **Doctor Dolittle** - The adventures of a kind-hearted doctor, who is fond of animals and understands their language, as he travels to Africa with some of his favorite pets to cure the monkeys of a terrible sickness.

Lowry, Lois **Anastasia Krupnik (series)** - Anastasia's 10th year has some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother and some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.

Macaulay, David **The Way Things Work** - Text and numerous detailed illustrations introduce and explain the scientific principles and workings of hundreds of machines. Includes new material about digital technology.

Manes, Stephen **Be a Perfect Person in Just Four Days** - Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents, and classmates, finds a book in the library which promises to make him perfect in just three days.

Napoli, Donna Jo **The Prince of the Pond** - Having been turned into a frog by a hag, a frog-prince makes the best of his new life as he mates, raises a family, and instills a new kind of thinking into his frog family.

Prelutsky, Jack **Imagine That!** - An illustrated collection of poems about imaginary things, by such authors as Jane Yolen, Conrad Aiken, and Karla Kuskin.

Sachar, Lois **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom** - An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.

Sobol, **Encyclopedia Brown (series)** - Ten brief cases in which the reader pits his wits against those of Encyclopedia Brown, an ingenious ten-year-old detective.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls **Little House on the Prairie (series)** - A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, dig a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Winthrop, Elizabeth **The Castle in the Attic** - A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

Woodruff, Elvira **Orphan of Ellis Island** - During a school trip to Ellis Island, Dominick Avaro, a ten-year-old foster child, travels back in time to 1908 Italy and accompanies two young immigrants to America.