



Summer Assignments for Rising Fourth Graders



Reading is a very important part of the experience at McAlpine Elementary School. Research shows that the frequency and continuity of reading a variety of texts increases fluency, builds vocabulary, and helps readers become better writers. Most importantly, we hope that each and every student will become a life-long pleasure reader. Summer is a time for recreational reading, for exploring new books, and for reading those that you never had time for during the busy school year. So go ahead, read voraciously this summer!

We have selected novels that will be challenging, yet will pique students' interest. Each novel ties to the curriculum for fourth grade.

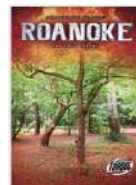
The books are available at any branch of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, your students CMS [OneAccess](#) account, or you may purchase the books at most bookstores or through [smile.amazon.com](#) (proceeds go to our school if you link your account to 'PTA North Carolina Congress McAlpine Elementary School PTSA ').

Students: You will need to choose one novel to read from each assignment. **Both of these assignments will be part of your first literacy grades in 4th grade.** A copy of the assignment is also available on our website at [mc Alpine elementary school. wearecms.com](#) and in the main office throughout the summer.

Assignment 1: On a separate sheet of paper, write a complete sentence about the main idea of your book. Find at least three supporting details for your main idea. If you come across any words you don't know, use your context clues to try to define them. Write this down too. Include your name and the title of the book.



"Amazing North Carolina"
OR "T is for Tarheel"



"Who was Blackbeard?"
Or "Roanoke, the Lost Colony"



"Who were the Wright Brothers?"

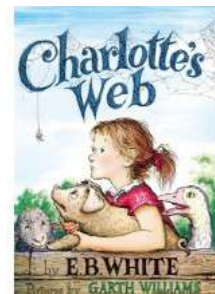
Assignment 2: On a separate sheet of paper, list the title and author of your book. Select and record two character traits that describe the main character or one of the main characters. Provide text evidence to support each trait.



"The Hundred Dresses"
By Elanor Estes



By Andrew Clements



"Charlotte's Web"
By E.B. White

Students must complete the assignments for the novels they chose, to be turned in to their Language Arts teacher by the due date of **September 13th**. This grade will be included in their first quarter PowerSchool grade book.