

4th Grade Summer Reading List

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Summer provides lots of opportunities to curl up with a good book! Under the shade of a tree, in a tent, by the pool, on a plane, moments to get lost in a story abound. This summer, I am asking each 4th grade student to read The Giant Rat of Sumatra. The book may be read independently or with an adult.

We will discuss The Giant Rat of Sumatra in class during the first week or two of school. This book is related to our study of the state of California. After reading the book, students should complete the overview chart that is provided below.

Of course, I encourage you to read many books of your own choosing, too! Those of you who have been at THS are very familiar with the Accelerated Reader program that the school employs. Remember you can use www.arbookfind.com to get good ideas for books as well as important information about reading levels and age-appropriateness. If you are new to the school, there is some basic information about Accelerated Reader below, and you will learn more about the program in August.

HAPPY READING!

Ms. Dulac

Required Reading:

[The Giant Rat of Sumatra: Or Pirates Galore](#)

Fleischman, Sid

IL: **MG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **4.0**

A cabin boy on a pirate ship finds himself in San Diego in 1846 as war breaks out between the United States and Mexico.

Accelerated Reader (AR) Information:

Accelerate Reader is one program provided by the company *Renaissance Learning* (www.renlearn.com). You may go to www.arbookfind.com to get good ideas for books as well as important information about reading levels and age-appropriateness.

Here is a code to help you understand the symbols that they use:

IL means Interest Level:

- **LG** means the book is appropriate in content for Grades K-3.
- **MG** means the book is appropriate in content for Grade 4-8.
- **UG** means the book is appropriate in content for Grades 9-12.

BL means Book Level. This is the reading level. In August, we will do official STAR testing (from the same company that provides AR), and you will have a definitive reading level range that is just right for you. For the summer, you may need to make the best estimate that you can. Perhaps start by looking at books in the 3.9 level and go from there.

AR Points mean how many points you will earn if you get 100% on the AR quiz after reading the book. You will learn all about this in August. 😊

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Directions: Fill out this chart for The Giant Rat of Sumatra. You need to **use complete sentences**. You may complete this on the computer or you may complete it in your best cursive handwriting on lined paper.

<p>Characters Write a description of the main character.</p>	
<p>Setting Describe the setting. When and where does the story take place?</p>	
<p>Plot Write a summary telling what happened in the story.</p>	
<p>Your Thoughts Did you like this book? Tell what you liked most. Was there anything you did not like?</p>	

