



# THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)

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## Fourth Grade Summer Assignment

Summer is here and we hope that it is off to a great start for you and your family.

**Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade are required to read one book and consider it, following the guidelines below. They should be prepared to share their answers on the first day of class.**

**Required Summer Reading for all students:** *Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson

Questions to consider while reading (*just think about them*):

- This novel is realistic fiction. What are the characteristics of this genre? What makes good realistic fiction?
- How does Jess change in the novel?
- What did Katherine Paterson do as a writer that you enjoy?
- What are some big ideas (themes, lessons) of the novel? For example, what is the author saying about boys and girls? About kids' relationships with their parents?

Be prepared to share your answers on the first day of class.

In addition to the assignment, students should spend time this summer reading independently. A separate document, "*Grade 3-5 Suggested Summer Reading List*," has been posted.