**Friends Academy**

**Locust Valley, NY 11560**

**Summer Reading Suggestions 2016**

**For Students Entering Fourth Grade**

Adler, David.

School Trouble for Andy Russell.

Andy thinks school is bad enough with his teacher Ms. Roman until she is sick and the class has a substitute teacher.

Avi.

The Good Dog.

McKinley, a malamute, must choose between domestic life with his human family or life in the wild with a wolf named Lupin.

Poppy.

A deer mouse named Poppy must battle the terrifying owl, Mr. Ocax, when she wants to move her family from their present location to a new field with more food.

Secret School.

In Colorado, during the spring of 1925, when their teacher leaves the one-room schoolhouse, eight-grader Ida and her classmates decide that Ida will finish out the year as teacher so that she will be able to take her high school entrance exam.

Who stole the wizard of Oz.

Becky and her brother set out to track down the person who is stealing books from the local library.

Banks, Lynne Reid.

The Fairy Rebel.

Tiki, a rebellious fairy, is in trouble for going against the wishes of the Fairy Queen by helping a human.

Birney, Betty G.

Friendship According to Humphrey.

Humphrey, the classroom hamster, helps the children in Room 26 understand friendship better as he himself searches for the meaning of a true friend.

Blume, Judy.

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great.

When ten-year-old Sheila Tubman spends the summer in Tarrytown, New York, she has to come to grips with the fact that she isn’t always fearless and capable.

Bunting, Eve.

The Summer of Riley.

When William gets the “perfect” dog, Riley he finds the dog may be taken from him because Riley has chased and injured the neighbor’s horse.

Cleary, Beverly.

Henry Huggins.

Henry’s dull life becomes very exciting when he adopts a stray dog.

Mouse and the Motorcycle.

Ralph Mouse finds a toy motorcycle in the room of the hotel he inhabits and makes friends with the motorcycle’s owner, Keith.

Coville, Bruce.

Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher.

When Jeremy stumbles in to a magic shop, he yearns to buy a mysterious shining ball he comes across in a display case.

Curtis, Christopher Paul.

Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money.

When nine-year-old Steven gets a monetary gift of a bill with 15 zeros from his blind neighbor, he wonders if the money is real.

Dahl, Roald.

The BFG.

After Sophie is kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), the two are off to save the world from the man gobbling canny bull giants.

DiCamillo, Kate.

## Because of Winn Dixie.

When India moves to a new home, she begins to make friends more easily when she takes in a stray dog.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread.

The award winning novel of a small mouse, Tilling, who must save the princess he loves from a nasty rat.

Eager, Edward.

Half Magic.

Ancient coin turns a boring summer into a magical adventure for four vacationing cousins.

Fleischman, Sid.

Bandit’s Moon.

Annyrose has many adventures with Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws during the California gold mining days.

Fleischman, Sid.

The Whipping Boy.

A Prince and the Pauper-like story that combines humor, suspense, villains and good guys. Center stage are two boys who learn about friendship.

Gantos, Jack.

Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue.

When Jack’s dad rejoins the Navy and moves the family to North Carolina, nine-year-old Jack finds, that through hilarious adventures and misadventures, there are no easy answers to being a fourth grader!

Gutman, Dan.

Get Rich Quick Club.

Some friends decide to add a little spice to their boring summer by making a pact to become millionaires before the school year starts.

Hale, Bruce.

The Mystery of Mr. Nice: A Chet Gecko Mystery.

Young Chet is reminiscent of detectives from another era! When the principal at his school suddenly acts nice when Chet is sent to his office to be disciplined, Chet decides he must investigate the mysterious behavior.

Hobbs, Valerie.

Sheep.

A border collie’s life changes in an instant when the farm he lives on is burned down and he is forced to find a new home and owner.

Hurwitz, Johanna.

Baseball Fever.

Ezra’s father thinks he is wasting his mind with baseball facts. The conflict between father and son is brought to a compromise that includes a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jonell, Lynne.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat.

Emmy and her new friends must try to stop her evil nanny from continuing to use strange rodent potions on her old friends and family that change their personalities drastically.

Lindgren, Ingrid.

Pippi Longstocking.

The wild adventures of Pippi who lives alone with a monkey and a horse at the edge of a small Swedish village.

 MacDonald, Betty.

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle offers parents interesting cures for childhood diseases such as Answer-Backers, Never-Want-To-Go-To-Bedders and Won’t-Pick-Up-Toys.

Martin, Ann M.

A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray.

Squirrel, a stray dog, tells the story of her life and her adventures throughout both good and bad.

Mass, Wendy.

11 Birthdays.

Amanda and Leo have always celebrated their birthdays together until they were ten when they had a falling out when strange things begin to happen as they turn eleven. Can the spell be broken?

O’Connor, Barbara.

How to Steal a Dog.

Unhappy with her situation of being homeless and living in the family car with her mother and brother, Georgina devises an elaborate plan to steal a dog and collect the reward money.

Park, Barbara.

The Kid in the Red Jacket.

Poor ten-year-old Howard Jeeter must leave his friends when his family moves to Massachusetts and to make matters worse, his only new friend is a pesky six-year-old.

Rylant, Cynthia.

Gooseberry Park.

Stumpy the squirrel is separated from her babies during a storm but luckily her animal friends all help her find them.

Velde, Vivian Vande.

Three Good Deeds.

 A witch has turned Howard into a goose for stealing her eggs; the only way for him to return to being a boy is by performing three good deeds.

Wallace, Bill.

Goosed!

The family dog T.P. is not so sure about the latest four-legged addition to the family.

White, E.B.

Charlotte’s Web.

The barnyard tale of an amazing spider that saves the life of her friend Wilbur the pig.

Winkler, Henry.

Hank Zipzer: A Brand New Me!

As he gets ready to enter middle school, academically challenged Hank has the chance to audition for a performing arts school where his talents will be appreciated.

Winthrop, Elizabeth.

The Castle in the Attic.

When William receives a toy castle as a gift from his housekeeper, he is drawn into a magical world of knight, wizards, and dragons.