

Dear Fourth Graders,

We want to welcome you to fourth grade. We look forward to having a great year together. Here are the assignments and directions for your summer readings. The books are fun and not too hard. We hope you will find time each day during the summer to read. The required books are The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden and Charlotte's Web by E. B. White.

Directions for the assignments:

1. Make several copies of the questions. We all make mistakes!
2. Read each book for enjoyment and then go back and answer the questions.
3. Write a draft of your answers, revise them, and then write a good copy. If you need to, you may use the back of the question papers to complete your answers.
4. Design your own cover for both of the books based on your favorite part of that book.
5. Put the finished papers in a safe place so they stay free of wrinkles, crinkles, and spaghetti sauce!

Due Date: September 13, 2010

\*You will also need to bring your books to class on this day to participate in a Book Chat.

You have lots of time left before school. Enjoy your summer and keep on top of your reading. Stay cool!

Sincerely,

Ms. Ginny Devenney

Mrs. Jayne Stephens

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**THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE**  
**George Selden**

1. What happened as a result of Chester eating half of the \$2 bill?
2. Why did Mama Bellini say that Chester was a jinx?
3. What talent did Chester have that brought fame and business to the Bellini's?
4. Who was your favorite animal character? Why?
5. Describe a day in the future when Tucker and Harry Cat go to Connecticut to visit Chester in the country. How did they spend the day?

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## **CHARLOTTE'S WEB**

**E.B. White**

1. Sometimes our first impressions of someone are not correct. What were Wilbur's first impressions of Charlotte? When he got to know her how did they change?
2. Give 2 examples of how Charlotte protected Wilbur.
3. In Chapter 10 Lurvy poured Wilbur a delicious meal. Plan a meal that you think Wilbur would enjoy. Include 10 items.
4. Templeton, the rat, came through for Charlotte and Wilbur when they needed him. Give 2 examples.
5. Would you have changed the ending? If not, why? If so, to what?