

**Brookside's 4th Grade
Summer 2007 Reading List**

FICTION (Choose 1):

Carrick, Carol. What a Wimp! Barney doesn't know many people in Hillside yet. His parents have recently been divorced, and Barney misses his dad, his friends, and his old school. Now it seems as if that bully Lenny is always calling him a wimp, or waiting for him on the way home. Barney thinks it's useless to fight back and hopes his older brother will save him from Lenny's threats. But gradually he realizes that facing up to Lenny is something he'll have to do on his own. (Reading level 4a)

Blume, Judy. Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great. Sheila Tubman sometimes wonders who she really is: the outgoing, witty, and capable Sheila the Great, or the "secret" Sheila who's afraid of the dark, spiders, swimming, and dogs. When the family spends the summer in Tarrytown, Sheila has to face some of her worst fears. Sheila does her best to pretend she's an expert at everything, but she knows she isn't fooling her new best friend, Mouse Ellis, who happens to be a crackerjack swimmer and a dog lover. What will it take Sheila to admit to the Tarrytown kids- and to herself- she is only human? (Reading level 4c)

Shreve, Susan. Jonah the Whale and how he became Incredibly Famous (previously published as Jonah the Whale). Can a new kid in the neighborhood be a TV talk show host? Can a girl with a name like "Blister" get anyone to come to her birthday party? If your as-good-as-stepfather walks out on the family, is there any way he'd come back? If it were up to Jonah Morrison to say how the world should be, the answer to all those questions would be "yes." This is the story of how one boy reinvents himself, and a little bit of the world with him. (Reading level 4c).

Estes, Eleanor. The Hundred Dresses. "I've got a hundred dresses." Nobody can believe it- Wanda wears the same old blue dress every day. "A Hundred dresses - all line up!" If Wanda really does have a hundred dresses, she's certainly keeping them hidden... but why? (Reading level 4b)

Korman, Gordan. Liar, Liar Pants on Fire. Third grader Zoe Bent's fantastic lies lead to telling more to cover up earlier ones with the result that no one believes her when she telling the truth. (Reading level 3c)

Dalgliesh, Alice. The Courage of Sarah Noble. Sarah kept as still as a rabbit in danger. The Indian children came closer. They stared so hard Sarah began to feel as if their eyes were going all the way through her. "Keep up your courage, Sarah Noble," she said to herself. "Keep up your courage." You will love this true story of pioneer days. (Reading level 3b)

NON-FICTION TOPICS (Choose a book, magazine article, or internet article from one topic below):

Native American – Northeast Woodland (ie: Iroquois)

Colonial America

American Revolution

Immigration

Simple Machines Earth Science – rocks, landforms, volcano, earth, earthquakes.

Food Chains