

4th Grade Summary Reading Assignment-

Recommended Books: Choose 3 out of 8 to read and reference for your summer reading extension project.

1. **"Dogteam" by Gary Paulsen** – A poetic picture book about the bond between musher and dogs.
2. **"Winterdance" by Gary Paulsen**- A fun tale about a moose who dreams of joining a pack of wolves in the winter.
3. **"Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod" by Robert J. Blake** – A story of a determined sled dog.
4. **"Togo: A Tale from the Iditarod" by Robert J. Blake**- A story of the lead dog who played a key role in the 1925 Nome serum run.
5. **"The Great Serum Race" by Debbie S. Miller** – A historical look at the event that inspired the Iditarod.
6. **"Balto and the Great Race" by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel** – A chapter book about the famous sled dog hero.
7. **"Stone Fox" by John Reynolds Gardiner**-A story about a boy entering into a dog sled race to try to save his family's farm with the prize money.
8. **"Storm Run" by Libby Riddles**-A tale of the first female dog sled racer

Summer Extension Learning Projects- Choose at least two of the 5 Activities Listed Below

- **Geography Extension:** Mark checkpoints on a blank Alaska map from one of the books you chose to read. Write a brief summary about why that course is famous, and why you chose this assignment.
- **Math Tie-In:** Track miles between checkpoints and convert to steps or laps on a playground of the famous course from one of the books listed above. Write a brief summary about why that course is famous, and why you chose this assignment.
- **Creative Writing:** Write five diary entries as a sled dog or musher and your experience leading a team in a race. Make sure to include sketches, maps, or anything related to your journal experience on the diary pages.
- **STEM:** Design a mini sled using craft materials and test it on different surfaces. Fill out the STEM process sheet attached to this assignment.

- **Art Project-** Create a Sled Dog Team Poster: Design a sled dog team using drawings or collage sled dogs from magazines or printouts. Name each dog, list traits like “swift”, “loyal”, “courageous” etc.... From this list of traits, create a write up: “If I were in the Iditarod, my lead dog would be _____ because...” Label team positions: lead, swing, team, wheel dogs. Mount information on a poster or create a booklet.

A rubric has been created to help your student achieve the best possible score.