

Summer Reading List for the Fours

10 Things I Can Do to Help My World,

by Melanie Walsh

This is a great book about protecting our world. The interactive pages are done so creatively. The book lends itself to a lively discussion into the many ways we can take care of our world!

Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar, by Clare Jarrett

This is a story of a little girl who lovingly takes care of her caterpillar. The rhyming text and beautiful illustrations show how a caterpillar transforms itself into a beautiful butterfly.

Dogs Don't Brush Their Teeth, by Diane de Groat

Children and their parents will laugh when they see the things that dogs can and can't do! This is a great book for teaching realism versus make believe. It is fun to get your children to decide what other things these fifteen dogs can and can't do.

Duck! Rabbit!, by Amy Rosenthal

The book shows optical illusions on each and every page. Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? Everyone will have her/his own opinion!! This is one of the many wonderful books by the author who also wrote *Little Pea*, *Little Oink* and *Spoon*.

Just How Long Can a String Be?, by Keith Baker

Ant and Bird are the characters in this story. They take a ball of string and figure out the most ingenious things to do with it! This is a great tale for sparking the imagination in children!

Little Beauty, by Anthony Browne

This is a true story about an ape in a zoo that is taught sign language by his zookeepers. Ape has everything an ape might need but one thing - a friend! Beauty, a cat, is put in his cage and they become great friends. Something happens that might tear this friendship apart!!!!

Little Smudge, by Lionel Le Neouanic

Little Smudge is lonely and wants to find some friends. When he encounters some beautiful shapes they laugh at him because he is just a smudge. His father convinces him that he has the ability to befriend these rascals. Watch how this story transforms into a work of art and wonder!!!

Moon Over Star, by Diana Aston

A little Afro American girl was living on a farm in 1969. The children were all excited because today was the day that man was first going to walk on the moon. Her Grandpa wasn't so sure about all of the hoopla surrounding this moonwalk. After watching this monumental event everyone was inspired to dream big dreams!!!!

One Boy, by Laura Seeger

The book looks like a simple counting book. However you will find die cuts that expose a word and then the following page will expose another die cut with more words to show what is happening. This book is a great beginning in word play for soon-to-be readers.

Round Like a Ball, by Lisa Ernst

Each page shows a small circle with pictures and a clue. Every member of the family gets involved in this fascinating

guessing game. The Grandma thinks that it is a matzah ball!! By the end of the story the children are delighted to figure out this riddle!

The Teddy Bear, by David McPhail

Left behind at a diner, a small boy's beloved bear is accidentally thrown out! Rescued from the trash by a homeless man, the bear, like the boy is lonely at first but eventually both adjust ("The bear still felt loved"). One day the boy and his family see the bear on a park bench!!! The story has a wonderful ending and teaching children the true meaning of doing a mitzvah.

Yummy - Eight Favorite Fairy Tales, by Lucy Cousins

The vibrant illustrations will immediately catch your eyes!! Cousins has taken some favorite fairy tales and made them thrilling, scary and totally enthralling. This is a must for your fairy tale collection!!

Dear Girls and Boys,

Be sure to cuddle up with your parents and read a book every day! I hope that each of you get a card at the public library and check out books all summer long!!! Have a great summer - I will miss you!!!

Love,
Mrs. Recht

