**Clementine**
Sara Pennypacker
Level Q

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles. She also helps her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

**Swindle**
Gordon Korman
Level Q

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino’s heavily guarded store and steal the card back. The children are planning to use the money to finance his father’s failing invention, the Smart Pick Fruit Picker.

**School Story**
Andrew Clements
Level R

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie’s mother works as an editor.

*Denotes books available at the Garden City Library on OverDrive as a downloadable audio book.

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**Read Any Good Books Lately?**

**Entering Grade 4**
Recommended by your School Librarians 2017
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Summer presents a wonderful opportunity for students to relax, focus on personal interests and enjoy their leisure time. It is equally important, however, for children to maintain the grade-level skills learned during the school year. With this in mind, the elementary schools in the Garden City School District are strongly recommending student participation in the following summer activities for the current second, third, and fourth grade students.

**Reading**

We recommend each student read at least one book from the suggested reading list. Your child will be participating in a “Book Talk” during the month of September based on the book read. Garden City Library and local book stores have been notified of this list and should have the titles available.

If you have an avid reader and need additional summer titles the following websites are additional resources for your child to pursue their love of reading.

- [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net) – Sponsored by the Screen Actor’s Guild. This website features SAG members reading books aloud online!
- [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) – This website contains over 7,000 titles. Students can also test their knowledge after completing the book by taking the online quiz and earn some cool prizes.
- [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)
- [http://imaginationssoup.net/best-books-7-year-olds/](http://imaginationssoup.net/best-books-7-year-olds/) The following link has suggested book titles for all age levels for your avid reader.

Mrs. Donovan’s webpage

Ms. Ripp’s webpage
[http://www.gardencity.k12.ny.us/Page/3793](http://www.gardencity.k12.ny.us/Page/3793)

**Book Titles**

**Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist**
**Jim Benton**
**Level N**

There’s nothing better than being a mad scientist – at least according to Franny. So she’s making it her mission to help her classmates discover their own inner mad scientists. All Franny needs for her latest experiment is a few volunteers, a half-completed two-headed robot, and an invisibility potion. Only this experiment just might prove to be Franny’s most difficult. What do you do when your classmates don’t know anything about mad science and there’s a doubly dumb robot running amok to prove it?

**Soccer Shootout**
**Jake Maddox, Sean Tiffany**
**Level P**

Berk always plays goalie for his soccer team. But when a new kid, Ryan, moves to town, Berk has to play an unfamiliar position. Ryan may have incredible talent, but he’s also wildly unpredictable. Can the team survive the season?”

**Class President**
**Johanna Hurwitz**
**Level O**

It’s election time, and Julio is pretty sure he can’t win, especially not against smart, perfect, popular Cricket. Lucas, on the other hand, might stand a chance, and so Julio concentrates his efforts on campaigning for his friend.

**Gooseberry Park**
**Cynthia Rylant**
**Level P**

When Kona, a Labrador retriever, meets Stumpy, a squirrel in Gooseberry Park, they’re best friends at first sight. But after Stumpy’s babies are born, disaster strikes in the form of a violent ice storm. Kona is not a fair-weather friend; he’s worried sick! How will Stumpy and her babies survive? With the help of Murray, a hilarious bat, and Gwendolyn, a wise hermit crab, Kona shows just how true - and heroic – a friend can be.