



Summer Reading Instructions for Rising 4th Graders

Dear Student and Family,

This summer, you will read two exciting books to get ready for 4th grade! After reading each book, complete the fun activities listed to show your understanding. These tasks will help you build strong reading skills based on Florida B.E.S.T. Standards.



Book #1: Abuelita's Heart Author: Amy Cordova

Standard Focus: ELA.4.R.1.1 – Explain how relevant details support the central idea, theme, or moral.



Activity: “Theme & Evidence Mini-Poster”

1. After reading, think about the message or theme of the story (What lesson does it teach?).

2. On a sheet of paper or a digital page: (or use attached graphic organizer)

- Write the theme or moral in one sentence.
- List 3 important events that support the theme.
- Include a drawing of your favorite scene from the story.
- Title your work: “Abuelita’s Message”



Helpful Tip: Themes could be about friendship, courage, or change. Ask yourself: What did the characters learn?



Book #2: Aaron and Alexander: The Most Famous Duel in American History Author: Don Brown

Standard Focus: ELA.4.R.2.2 – Explain how relevant details support the central idea, whether it is directly stated (explicit) or suggested (implied).



Activity: “Central Idea Clue Collector”

As you read, think about the **central idea** of the text — what is the text mostly about? Is it stated clearly, or do you need to figure it out from the clues the author gives?

Goal: Identify at least **1 central idea** and give at least **3 supporting details** that support it.

- Create a two-column chart: (or use attached graphic organizer)
- **Title the chart:** *Finding the Central Idea*
- In **Column 1**, write a **central idea or main point** from the text. (Example: “Aaron and Alexander had different ideas about leadership.”)
- In **Column 2**, list the **relevant details or examples** from the text that support that central idea.
- Rewrite your graphic organizer into a paragraph-use at least 3-5 sentences.



Helpful Tip: Look for repeated ideas, character actions, or facts that help you understand the big message the author wants to share.



What to Bring Back to School:

- Your *Theme & Evidence Mini-Poster* from ***Abuelita's Heart***

- Your *Central Idea Clue Collector* from ***Aaron and Alexander: The Most Famous Duel in American History***

Have fun reading, enjoy your summer and get ready for an amazing 4th grade year! 