Summer Reading / Extra Reading List
For Mrs. Yildirim’s Fourth Grade

*Claudia and the Phantom Phone Calls* (The Baby-Sitters Club Series #2)
by Ann M. Martin
Claudia decides to investigate when she and the other members of the Baby-Sitters Club receive mysterious phone calls while out on assignments. Also recommended: Baby-Sitters Club: Little Sister Series and the Baby-Sitters Club Series.

*The Indian in the Cupboard*
by Lynne Reid Banks, Brock Cole (illus.)
The first book in this bestselling series begins with young Omri receiving an old family wooden medicine cupboard as a birthday gift. Given to him by his mother in order to house his plastic toy soldiers, the cupboard has a magical power: It can bring Omri's toys to life. When his toy Indian comes alive and befriends him, Omri finds himself involved in all kinds of adventure and excitement.

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
by Robert C. O'Brien, Zena Bernstein (illus.)
Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

*Native American Doctor, The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte*
by Jeri Ferris
This is the inspiring biography of the young Omaha Indian woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school.

*Search for the Shadowman*
by Joan Lowery Nixon
Twelve-year-old Andy Bonner isn't thrilled with his teacher's assignment to explore family history. When he starts asking questions about his ancestors, he is startled to discover a black sheep in the family tree. No one wants to reveal what happened in his family's past. But Andy is determined to break the silence. Casting his net widely, from the Internet to the local cemetery, Andy helps everyone realize it's never too late to seek justice.

*The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog*
by John R. Erickson, Gerald L. Holmes (illus.)
While investigating a vicious murder on his ranch, Hank finds himself the No. 1 suspect. Resigning in a fit of despair, he heads for the hills to become an outlaw -- where a band of ruthless coyotes is happy to teach him the trade. Or are they? They seem to be on his side...until they unveil their plan for a raid on Hank's ranch! Hank knows he can't beat them. Will he be forced to join them?

*The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street* by Sharon G Flake
When a new kid comes to Queen's school, riding a broken bike and wearing smelly, worn-out clothes, Queen joins her classmates in making fun of him. Her parents insist she be nice to Leroy, but Queen doesn't see why she should. Leroy doesn't just stink; Queen thinks he tells lies—whoppers in fact. And when he says he's an African prince from Senegal, Queen makes it her mission to prove Leroy is an impostor.