

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS FOR RISING 4TH GRADE STUDENTS

Rising 4th Graders,

Reading is an essential skill for academic work which extends vocabulary, increases comprehension, and stimulates higher order thinking.

The theme of 4th grade Odyssey is **Structure and Design**. Your summer reading assignments are to read a book from the **folk literature** genre and complete a journal entry to prepare for our class discussions.

The folk literature genre includes the following tales: trickster tales, fairy tales, tall tales, and folk tales.

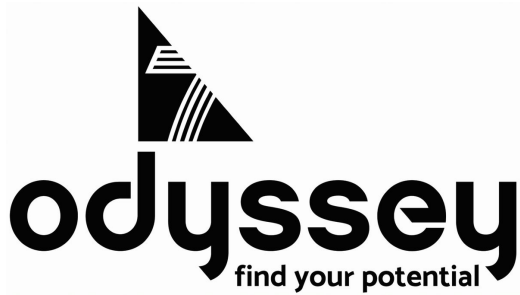
Attached are list of a few story ideas, but please explore this extensive section to find a book that interests you! You will learn that the **structure** of these stories is similar but the **design** is very different.

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS:

- **Read at least one book** of folk literature from one of the above.
- **Record in your journal** about the story elements of the book.
- Write **your response** to the story: likes, dislikes, surprises, etc.
- **Draw an interesting structure** from the book and explain how it fits in the story.
- **Bring the journal to the first Odyssey class** in August.

We hope you enjoy reading different folk literature stories this summer!

Happy Reading,
The Odyssey Teachers



SUGGESTED SUMMER READING FOR RISING 4TH GRADE STUDENTS

J398 is the section in the library where you will find the different genres of folk literature.

Listed below are a few ideas, but please explore this extensive section to find a book that interests you:

- **TRICKSTER TALES:**

- Anansi the Spider tales (various versions)
- Coyote tales such as: *Borreguita and the Coyote* by Aardema
- Hamilton, V. *A Ring of Tricksters*

- **TALL TALES:**

- Stories about legendary heroes such as Paul Bunyan, Mike Fink, and Pecos Bill, etc.
- Fleishman, S. (McBroom books)

- **FAIRY TALES:**

- Individual fairy tales, such as: *Cinderella, Snow White, etc.*
- Fairy tale collections, such as: *Grimm's Fairy Tales* or *Andersen's Fairy Tales*
- Fairy tale collections from a specific country, such as: *Fairy Tales from Vietnam*

- **FOLK TALES:**

- Individual stories or collections from other countries or cultures, such as:
 - Mandela, Nelson. *Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales*
 - MacDonald, Margaret Reid. *Mabela the Clever*
 - San Souci, Robert D. *The Talking Eggs*