

*Summer Work for Rising 4th Graders
2016-2017 School Year
Linton Hall School*

Dear Rising 4th Grader,

*Congratulations! You are just one summer away from entering 4th grade. To prepare for the upcoming school year, please read *The Island of Dr. Libris* by Chris Grabenstein. It's was a favorite of this year's fourth graders; I think you will really enjoy this summer pick.*

When you are finished reading the book, complete the following activities. Do your best work to share with the class on the first day of 4th grade.

1. In the story, Dr. Libris is an interesting villain. If you could create your own villain, what would his/her name be? What would he/she look like? Why is he/she evil? What would make your villain unique? Draw a picture of your villain and write a character sketch to describe him or her.
2. Pretend that Hercules, Robin Hood, Maid Marian, the Three Musketeers, Tom Sawyer and Pollyanna are coming to visit your town for the weekend. What would you do for fun? What food would you serve them? Where would they sleep? How would you introduce them to your friends? Write an itinerary for their visit and/or write a skit explaining what happens when they come to your town.

Be sure to check out Chris Grabenstein's webpage. It's pretty cool!

<http://www.chrisgrabenstein.com/>

When you are ready to read another book, select one from the suggestions made by this year's 4th grade class. Be ready to share details from the story and prepare a notecard with your critique of the book.

Have fun reading!

