

Dear Fourth Graders,

We are excited to share two wonderful books with you, *Milton Hershey: Chocolate King, Town Builder* by Charnan Simon and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We think you will be inspired by the biography of Milton Hershey. It is the story of the founder of the Hershey Chocolate Factory in Hershey, Pennsylvania, known for his hard work, perseverance, and charity towards young people. We also think you will enjoy reading about Charlie Bucket, the hero of Roald Dahl's famous novel. You will learn that Charlie is honest, kind, brave, and true. Think about how these character traits are rewarded in Charlie's story. Consider what you can learn from both Milton Hershey and Charlie Bucket, and about how to live your life as a fourth grader. We look forward to discussing your ideas when we meet in September.

You may read these books independently, or you may have an adult read the books with you. It's your choice! We also suggest that you read more than these two books this summer. You can read anything you get your hands on—fiction and nonfiction books, magazines, graphic novels, comics, internet sites . . . just read, read, read!

Have a great summer!

The Fourth Grade Teachers