

Dear Rising 4th Grade Parents:

Summer, 2017

As the school year ends, we know parents and students are ready for the lazy days of summer! We confess.... we are too! But we don't want the good habits of reading and math to fall by the wayside in our haste to slow the pace over these next weeks. To that end, you are receiving a summer survival package that will help your children keep their math and reading skills sharp.

Math:

Work on addition / subtraction and multiplication / division facts this summer!

Read, Read, Read!

The fourth grade summer survival kit also contains a 2 part reading project.

- First, we would like students to read at least 5 books (2 chapter books, 3 picture books) from the list provided below. *To help them keep track of their reading adventures, we are providing each student with a "My Best Summer Reads Journal",* which contains several pages of empty story map; thinking maps which will help them capture the important notes needed to remember to share their reading adventures with us. For each book they read, they should complete a page in the journal. These journals should be brought in with students on the first day of school.
- The second part of fourth grade summer reading is to complete the project detailed below on one of the chapter books they read this summer. Students must be ready to share their book project with their class on the first full day of school in August.

4th Grade Summer Reading Project

"It's in The Bag.... Or Box!"

Choose your favorite summer read and prepare to share aloud with your new class in the fall! Be sure to include the following 5 things to help you in your 3 minute oral presentation to your fourth grade teacher and classmates on the first day of school:

I.D. Tag: Create an i.d. tag including: book title, author, parent's signature, student's name, genre*, # of pages. This card should be attached to the outside of your bag or box.

Genre Options:

historical fiction, realistic fiction, mystery, non-fiction, poetry, fantasy, biography

- i.d. tag (described above)
- Item representing the setting (where / when the story took place)
- Item representing the main character of the story (who is this story about?)
- Item representing the problem in the story.
- Item representing the solution to the story.

Student will present their book to their class on the first full day of school.

Happy Reading this summer and we will see you in August!

Your Fourth Grade Teachers

*Below are the books from which your child may choose for their summer reading. We ask that you **not** choose to read A Single Shard, Island of the Blue Dolphin, Fever, Sarah Bishop, The Keeping Room, Toliver's Secret, Winter of Red Snow, Journal of William Thomas Emerson, Sign of the Beaver, or Because of Winn Dixie, as we will be reading them in class next year.*

Avi: Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Poppy

Banks, Lynne Reid: The Indian in the Cupboard

Blume, Judy: Superfudge, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Fudgeamania

Burnett, Frances Hodgson: A Little Princess, The Secret Garden

Byars, Betsy: Summer of the Swans

Cleary, Beverly: Dear Mr. Henshaw, Henry Huggins, Mouse and the Motorcycle

Clements, Andrew: Frindle, No Talking, as well as all other Clements titles

Colfer, Eoin: Artemis Fowl

Collins, Suzanne: Gregor the Overlander

Creech, Sharon: Love that Dog

Dahl, Roald: Matilda, Fantastic Mr. Fox

Dean, Pitchford: Big One-oh

Eager, Edward: Half Magic

Fritz, Jean: Homesick

George, Jean Craighead: My Side of the Mountain, The Other Side of the Mountain, Frightful's Mountain

Hahn, Mary Downing: The Old Willis Place: A Ghost Story, The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall

Henry, Marguerite: Misty of Chincoteague series

Howe, James: Bunnica

Kehret, Peggy: Earthquake Terror

Korman, Gordon: Radio Fifth Grade, Swindle and other titles

Lasky, Kathryn: The Capture

Lewis, C.S.: The Chronicles of Narnia series

Lindgren, Astrid: Pippi Longstocking

Lowry, Lois: Number the Stars

Marrin, Albert: Oh Rats! The Story of Rats and People

Norton, Mary: The Borrowers

O'Brien, Robert: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh

Osbourne, Mary Pope: Pompeii: Lost and Found

Patterson, Kathryn: The Great Gilly Hopkins

Paulson, Gary: Hatchett

Riordan, Rick: Percy Jackson series, Kane Chronicles, Heroes of Olympus series

Rockwell, Thomas: How to Eat Fried Worms

Rowling, J.K.: Harry Potter series

Ryan, Pam Munroz: Esperanza Rising

Sachar, Louis: Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Smith, Robert Kimmel: Chocolate Fever

Spinelli, Jerry: Maniac Magee

Wallace, Bill: all books

White, E.D.: Secret Little

