

June 2014

Dear Parents and Students,

Please allow us the opportunity to congratulate students on successfully completing the 3rd grade! We look forward to having all of you in our 4th grade classrooms in the fall.



We realize summer vacation is a time to relax and spend time with your family. However, we encourage all of you to make time for reading, writing, and math during the summer. Please make time each week for the following activities to ensure your mind stays sharp and is ready for 4th grade. We will hit the ground running the first week of school and we need *everyone* to be ready to go.

Read, Read, Read!

Reading is the foundation for all the work we will do together in 4th grade. Schedule some quiet time several days a week to keep up with your favorite characters. Attached you will find a **Summer Reading List**. Students are expected to **read a minimum of 2 books from this list and complete corresponding activities**. These completed assignments will be **collected and graded** on the first day of school.

All students are encouraged to read much, much more than these 2 books! Students can read additional books from the list or from favorite authors. Please visit the public library and choose books that are just right for you. Choose books that interest you and teach you about new things. Ask your parent or the helpful librarians to assist you in your selections.

Dedicate a notebook to your independent reading. Record the title of the book, key characters, and write a summary of the important events. By doing this work during the summer, you will be off to a great start for Accelerated Reader in the fall. 4th Graders earn 20 points and read 3 nonfiction books each quarter. How great will it feel to come in ready for the year?

Visit the Chicago Public Library to learn about their summer reading program:

<http://www.chipublib.org/>

Journaling

Keep a record of your summer adventures by writing in a journal. Also take time to write creative new stories to practice the skills you learned in 3rd grade.

Math

It is *imperative* for all fourth grade students to quickly recall the basic facts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. This quick recall will allow the students to solve more complex problems like multi-digit multiplication and division problems and problems involving fractions. Please take time this summer to work with flashcards, on the computer, or activity sheets.

Example Problems: $8 + 9 =$ $16 - 9 =$ $9 \times 6 =$ $64 \div 8 =$

Here is a link to an online math practice site: <http://www.aaastudy.com/grade4.htm>

Attached you will find the 4th grade supply list. Please have the supplies purchased and *organized* for the first day of school.

Finally, the most important thing is to enjoy time with your family and stay safe over the summer. We look forward to meeting you in the fall on Tuesday, September 2nd at 8:30 a.m.!

Sincerely,

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