

June, 2010

Dear Parents,

Attached is the summer reading list for the 4th grade. The students can choose any **two** books to read. There is a project for each of the books chosen. One must be completed at home over the summer. The other will be done in computer class with Mrs. Hopkins when we return to school in September.

For the at-home project, the children are to create a report for one of the books read. It can be a written report, (typed is preferred) a poster, mobile or diorama. It must include the title, author, illustrator, (if there is one) main characters, setting, and a summary of the plot. They will also need to illustrate their favorite scene and tell why it is their favorite. Also they should tell if they would recommend this book to a friend and explain why or why not. This report will count as a reading test grade for the first quarter.

The students should keep notes on the second book read so that they can refer to them when they complete their second project in computer class. They should make note of the same information including above. This project will count as a reading test grade and a computer grade for the first quarter.

In addition, they should keep a journal or notebook about some interesting summer activities or places they visit. At least once a week, they should make an entry with the details of the activity. We will refer to this when writing in September.

While we are not sending home specific math work for the summer, please know that the students must **MEMORIZE** the multiplication tables. They are very important to success with 4th grade math.

We are also strongly encouraging them to practice their keyboarding skills. Keyboarding will be taught in computer class in September but the summer is a good time to practice and gain speed and accuracy. Fourth graders take a Terra Nova writing assessment in May and the essay is typed on the computer. One website that the students can use is: [www.typeonline.co.uk](http://www.typeonline.co.uk).

We wish you a happy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,  
Jean Marano (4A) and Veronica Zirkle (4B)

## 4th Grade Summer Reading List:

### Author:

Avi

Ben Baglio

Judy Blume

Carol C. Brink

Eve Bunting

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Oliver Butterworth

Beverly Cleary

Pam Conrad

Susan Cooper

Roald Dahl

Kate DiCamillo

Louise Erdrick

Eleanor Estes

Kenneth Grahame

Karen Hesse

Anne Kamma

Ellen Levine

Katherine Paterson

Barbara Robinson

Pam Munoz Ryan

Cynthia Rylant

Jon Scieszka

George Selden

Virginia Sorensen

Judith St. George

Bill Wallace

E. B. White

Laura Ingalls Wilder

### Series Books:

Ann Martin

Donald Sobol

Various Authors

Various Authors

Gertrude Chandler Warner

### Book:

Poppy

Riding the Storm

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Fudge Series

Caddie Woodlawn

Summer of Riley

A Little Princess

The Enormous Egg

Dear Mr. Henshaw

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

Pedro's Journal

The Boggart

Fantastic Mr. Fox

George's Marvelous Medicine

The Tale of Despereaux

Birchbark House

The Hundred Dresses

The Moffats

Wind in the Willows

The Music of Dolphins

If You Were A Pioneer on the Prairie

If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island

The Great Gilly Hopkins

The Best School Year Ever

Riding Freedom

Gooseberry Park

The Lighthouse Family

Summer Reading Is Killing Me!

The Cricket in Times Square

Miracles on Maple Hill

So You Want to Be President

Watchdog and the Coyotes

Charlotte's Web

Stuart Little

Little House in the Big Woods

Farmer Boy

Baby-Sitters Club Books

Encyclopedia Brown Series

Matt Christopher Series

Dear America Series

Great Illustrated Classics

The Boxcar Children

## Fourth Grade Supply List for September 2010

Dear Parents,

The following items must be purchased for your child from the school store in September:

- 4 vinyl folders
- 6 theme tablets
- 1 zippered pencil case
- 1 homework assignment book

(Prices for the above-mentioned items will be sent home in September)

The following items will be necessary, but should be purchased outside of school and sent in with your child on the first day of school:

- 1 flat ruler (12 inch with metric markings)
- 1 box of crayons (24 count; no larger)
- 1 pair of scissors (Fiskar brand are the best for students)
- 1 dozen Ticonderoga pencils (sharpened)
- 1 glue stick
- 1 red pen
- 1 highlighter
- 1 package of loose leaf paper (wide-rule only)
- 1 dictionary (small student size)
- 1 "flash drive" for the computer
- 1 plastic craft box with cover (shoebox size)
- 5 JUMBO book sox covers
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 1 large box of wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 2 rolls of clear contact paper (to be kept at home)

All notebooks and soft cover books will be sent home to be covered with the clear contact paper. They must be labeled with your child's name and grade. Also, please label all of your child's belongings such as clothing, lunchbox, etc.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. We hope you have a happy and safe summer. See you in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jean Marano 4A

Mrs. Veronica Zirkle 4B