

4th Grade Suggested Skills

Reading: At times students are unclear that reading continues over the summer, not just during the school year. Students who struggle with reading in 4th grade may have been average to good readers in 3rd grade but perhaps had forgotten some important skills over the summer. By encouraging your child to read over the summer, our students will remain engaged in the reading process until school begins. To assist with choosing books to read over the summer, we have enclosed a summer book list on the back; however, students may read any genre that interests them. A useful website is www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom

Writing: Students entering 4th grade should be aware of what is expected in the area of writing. Beginning day one of 4th grade, students are exposed to a variety of writing styles via selected fiction and nonfiction reading material. Your child should have a clear understanding that narrative writing (stories) has a beginning, middle and end with characters, setting and a plot/problem that is solved by the end of their story. They should know how to write in clear, sequential, complete sentences that make sense. Students should also have an understanding of expository writing (explains or informs) where important points are supported by facts and/or reasons. A useful website is www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom

Math: For the past few years, we have noticed that several grade 4 students have encountered difficulty at the beginning of 4th grade math. Not unlike the reading and writing struggles, remembering multiplication when entering 4th grade is very important. Over the summer children tend to relax and forget that a new school year is just around the corner. The year begins right away with multiplication. In order to avoid this problem, we are letting you know in advance what your child will need in order to “hit the ground running” and be successful in 4th grade math. All math topics rely heavily on multiplication facts being at their fingertips. This means the answers should be automatic (given within 1 or 2 seconds). They should no longer be “thinking” about the answer to a math fact. There are numerous Internet websites that can assist your child in learning and practicing their multiplication facts. If you do not have access to a computer, use/make flash cards, or ask students random problems (not in order). Concentrate on 6, 7, 8, and 9. This is something you can do in the car. Do 5-10 minutes a day. If your child is not proficient in multiplication he/she will struggle all year long. You will be surprised what 10 minutes a day can do when it is done every day. For on-line practice of math facts, visit www.mathisfun.com or www.coolmath4kids.com or www.allmath.com

Thank you for taking an active role in your child’s education. We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful and productive 4th grade.

The Silver Ridge Fourth Grade Team

Dear Parents,

The following books are some suggested titles for your child's summer reading pleasure. Along with the titles is the author and reading level. Please encourage your child to read fiction and non-fiction literature. The exposure to both genres will strengthen their vocabulary. See you in fourth grade!

RL	Title	Author
3	Cranberry Summer	Hurwitz
3	Dirt Bike Racer	Christopher
3	Finding the Titanic	Ballard
3	Human Body Systems and Function	Sylvester
3	Sneetches and Other Stories	Seuss
3	Whistle for Willie	Keats
3	Judy Moody Declares Independence	McDonald
3	Today I Will Fly	Willems
3	The Conquistadors: Building a Spanish Empire in the Americas	Stein
3	St. Augustine On My Mind	Collective
4	Chocolate Fever	Smith
4	Clementine	Pennypacker
4	Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary
4	Holes	Sachar
4	The Indian in the Cupboard	Banks
4	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Cleary
4	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Steptoe
4	Niagra Falls, or Does It?	Winkler
4	Superfudge	Blume
4	Volcanoes	Challand
5	Ann of Green Gables	Montgomery
5	The Borrowers	Taylor
5	A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle
5	Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell
5	The Sea of Monsters	Riordan
5	Quake	Karwoski
5	Artemis Fowl, Book 1	Colfer
5	Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson
5	Charlotte's Web	White
5	May Bird and the Ever After	Anderson

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Dear Parents,

The following is a list of the supplies the fourth grade teachers would like students to have for the beginning of the next school year. Keep in mind some teachers may ask for additional items for their classroom use. Have a fun, safe, and relaxing summer! We are looking forward to meeting you and your child in the next school year!

Thank you for your support,
Fourth Grade Teachers

✓	#	Item
	2	200 count wide rule filler paper
	2	Boxes of number 2 pencils - 24 count
	4	Large glue sticks
	3	70 count wide rule spiral notebooks
	3	Composition books
	1	Pair 5" Fiskar Scissors
	2	8 pack colored pencils
	1	24 pack crayons
	1	Yellow highlighter
	2	Square boxes of tissue
	8	Pocket folders with brads (2 red, 2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow)
	2	Red ball point pens
	2	Green ball point pens
	8	Dry erase markers
	1	Package computer paper- girls- colored - boys- white
	1	Gallon size ziplock bags - boys Quart size ziplock bags - girls

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