

June 2020

Dear Parents,

Summer is finally here! I think it's safe to say, we have all earned it! Summer is a wonderful time for vacations, trips to the beach, relaxing, family time, lazy days, and **READING!!!** There is no better activity for your child than to engage in reading. Not only can your child discover the joy of being lost in a book, but he/she can practice the many skills and strategies that he/she has learned all year. Teachers, parents, and even students identify summer learning loss as a major challenge when starting off the new school year. In fact, it has even been named the "summer slide". Do you want to know the secret to preventing the summer slide? Keep learning all summer long! As parents and educators, it is our job to provide learning opportunities throughout the summer to keep kids' academic skills sharp.

The incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading and math program has been designed to serve as a bridge from one grade level to the next. Like most skills, literacy and math are enhanced only through practice.

The reading program will require your child to read at least **one nonfiction book** and **one fiction book** of their choice. Your child may wish to read a fiction book from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award List (attached). For the second book, they may choose any nonfiction book that interests them. We have implemented an exciting change this year! To show completion of summer reading, your child needs to take the **AR test** that goes along with their chosen book. In addition to the required reading and two tests, Accelerated Reading will stay open this summer and he/she may take as many tests as they would like! Let's see how many points your child can earn this summer!

The summer math program will require your child to complete **Simple Solutions #120-140**. This equates to about 2 pages per week and is about 20 to 30 minutes of math. Your child is familiar with this book, and it will serve as reinforcement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math skills. You will also notice that some enrichment problems are mixed in. Please encourage your child to try them, but don't become overly concerned if they are too challenging. These concepts will be taught in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

All assignments will be due the first week we return to school.

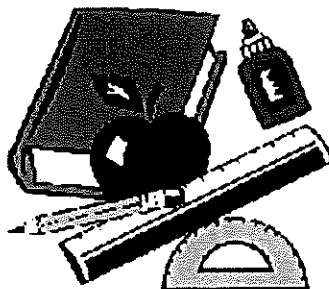
We wish you a wonderful summer full of fun, family, and learning!

Love and prayers,

The Fourth Grade Team

# Fourth Grade Supply List

2020 – 2021



## Individual Supplies:

- \* 1 Box of no more than 24 crayons
- \* 4 Highlighters- Any color
- \* 3 Pocket Folders-labeled with name
- \* 3 Separate spiral bound notebooks  
(1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow)
- \* 1 sturdy zip pouch/pencil case for pencils
- \* 1 Marble Composition book (Science Fair-do not label)
- \* 1 protractor
- \* Clear contact paper for covering workbooks  
(Please keep at home.)

## Shared Classroom Supplies:

- \* 36 non-decorated #2 pencils-**sharpened**
- \* 3 boxes of tissues
- \* 2 paper towel rolls
- \* 1 package of colored or white cardstock 8 ½ by 11
- \* 1 box of gallon-sized Ziplock bags
- \* 1 glue stick
- \* 1 package of wide ruled lined paper

## Art Class:

- \* 1 pack of Crayola brand markers