

## Fourth Grade Summer Reading Assignment

A. Read "The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School" by Candace Fleming.



- B. Respond to the following questions on a separate piece of loose leaf paper using full sentences and your neatest handwriting.
1. When Mr. Jupiter arrives for the first day of class, his new students are behaving wildly. How does Mr. Jupiter react to their behavior? Why do you think he responds this way?
  2. When Miss Paige Turner meets Mr. Jupiter for the first time, she notices that she looks the same on the outside but feels like a new person on the inside. What do you think she means by this? Why do you think she has such a strong reaction to meeting him?
  3. When Calvin feels challenged by multiplication tables, he wishes he could return to kindergarten. When Mr. Jupiter grants him his wish, is going back what Calvin expected? Would you like to return to kindergarten, even if just for a day? Why or why not?
  4. Jackie is worried she'll never memorize her poem and tackles it by memorizing it one line at a time. What is an example of a time you have felt overwhelmed about a task you were facing and wondered how you would ever accomplish it? Did you discover, like Jackie, that "slow and steady wins the race," or did something else work for you?
- C. Choose one of the extension activities to complete
1. Create a cartoon/comic strip about the moral of a story or fable.
  2. Create a poster as an artistic interpretation of your favorite fable from the book. Write the moral at the bottom of the poster.
  3. Write your own fable from a common moral lesson (such as "a stitch in time saves nine," or "beauty is only skin deep")

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D. Please choose an additional book at your reading level to read this summer. While you are reading, keep a "Thought Journal" in a marble notebook. In your "Thought Journal" you should write about questions you have while you're reading, thoughts on different characters, predictions about what might happen next, what you like or dislike about the book so far, etc. Please write at least five entries in your "Thought Journal."

All of your assignments are due on the first day of school in September. Have a great summer!