

Summer 2023

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Welcome to the fourth grade! I am so excited to start the new school year and meet you all! It is going to be a fabulous year ahead, but first I hope everyone has a fun summer break! I know everyone has already learned so many important lessons this past year in third grade and we are going to continue to grow those skills in fourth grade. In order to retain what you have already learned, it is important to keep practicing, even over the summer. I want each of you to spend time this summer outside making special memories. I can't wait to hear all about it when we return to the classroom.

This summer there are a couple of things that I would like you to continue to work on at your convenience. I know that in third grade you have worked hard reading chapter books, mastering math facts and expanding your writing skills. This summer I would like you to continue practicing in these areas and beginning fourth grade will be a breeze!

Summer Learning Activities-

- Reading: This summer we are encouraging students in grades 1-5 to participate in the summer reading challenge. (Please see brochure for more information) Feel free to pick any books that are interesting to you. I have attached a list of some fourth grade summer reading books in case you need some new ideas!
 - Click link to [summer reading book ideas](#):

- Writing: I can't wait to hear all about your summer memories. During the first week of school, I would like you to bring in a special **summer souvenir** and a paragraph description of the item you selected. I would like to know what you chose, where it came from, and why it is special to you. You will be presenting this item to the class, so depending on the item, feel free to bring in a photograph of your souvenir. Be creative!

- Math: In fourth grade we will be continuing to master our **quick math facts**. This summer it is so important to continue practicing your addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts as often as possible. Feel free to create your own flash cards, use flash card drill websites, or even quiz a family member while driving in the car! You won't need to hand in any written math work, but please continue reciting the answers as often as possible. Five

minutes a day is plenty! It will make fourth grade math even easier for you!
Here is a website where you can even practice your skills online.

- <https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>

I hope each of you have a wonderful summer break filled with special memories! I can't wait to meet you and begin having some fourth grade fun together! It is going to be a great year and I am so excited to be your teacher! See you soon!


Sincerely,

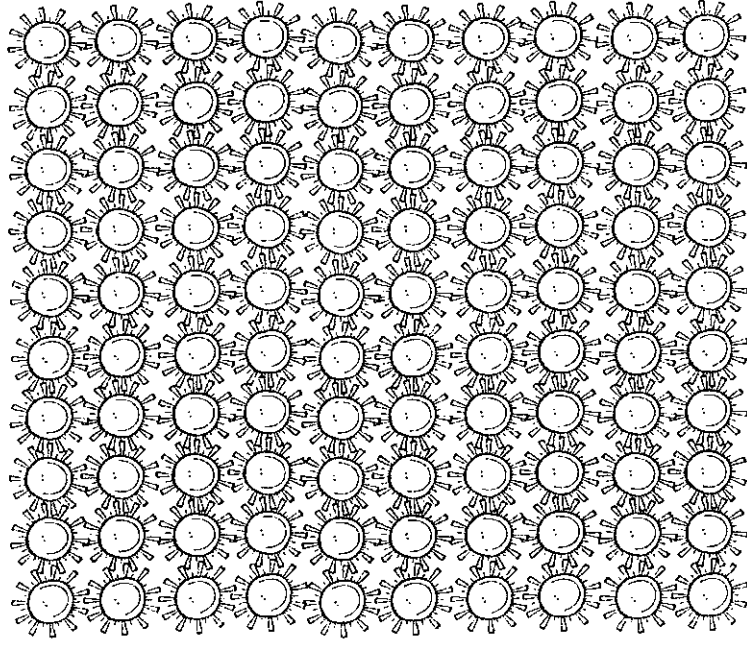
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Summer Reading Challenge

Goal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!

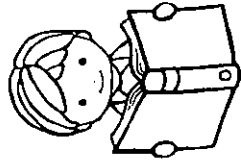


Each  represents 15 minutes. Every time you read for 15 minutes, check off one sun. When you check all of the suns, that means you have read for 1,500 minutes!



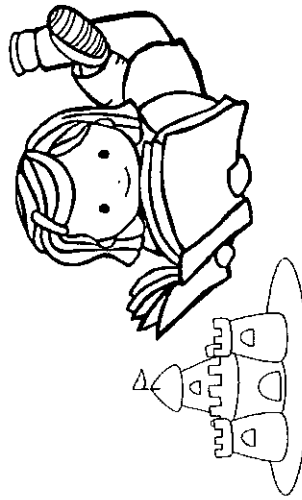
I read _____ minutes this summer!

My favorite book that I read:



Summer Reading Ideas

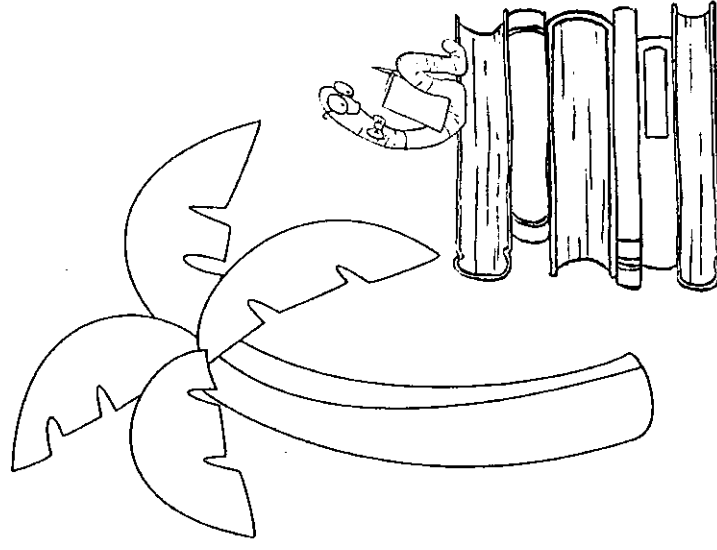
- * Visit the public library
- * Visit the bookstore
- * Listen to books while driving
- * Take turns reading
- * Find fun places to read
- * Try a new book series
- * Re-read an old favorite
- * Swap books with a friend
- * Find books at a thrift store
- * Read books about places you hope to visit one day
- * Have a family poetry reading night with a microphone
- * Have a reading picnic on a blanket outside
- * Read books, then watch the movie version and compare



Summer

Reading

A Guide for Parents





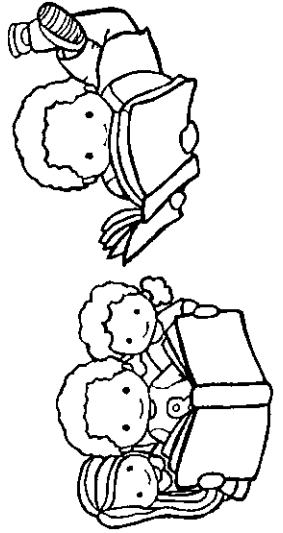
Dear Parents,

Your child has worked very hard this year! According to research,* students who do not read over the summer can lose as much as 22% of their reading level. That means 2 months of school, down the drain!

You can help prevent this summer reading loss by encouraging your child to read over the summer. Try to read something everyday, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts.

Here's to making this a summer of reading!

*Research from Reading is Fundamental (www.rtf.org)



Read a Book Online

Here are some great websites to read online:

Storyline Online—celebrities read aloud favorite children's books
<http://www.storylineonline.net>



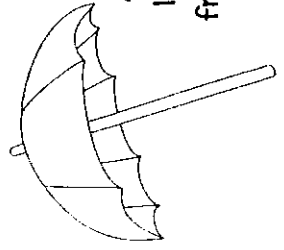
International Children's Library—a large collection of stories from around the world
<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>



Storynory—a variety of fun and colorful stories to read online
<http://www.storynory.com>

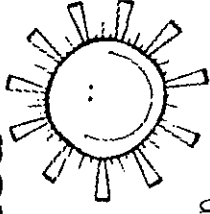


DOGOnews—current events news stories and articles on a variety of nonfiction topics
<https://dogonews.com>



Also, check with your local library. Many lend free e-books for Kindle or other tablets!

Recommended Authors



Grades K-2
Eric Carle
Margaret Wise Brown

Leo Leonni
Mary Pope Osborne
Dr. Seuss

Sandra Boynton
Barbara Park
Donald Crews
Lois Ehlert
Bill Martin Jr.

Jan Brett
Marc Brown
Tomie DePaola
Steven Kellogg
Maurice Sendak
Jane Yolen

Grades 3-5
Sharon Creech
Louis Sachar
Lemony Snicket
Shel Silverstein

Jeff Kinney
RJ Palacio
Lois Lowry
Jack Prelutsky
Madeline L'Engle

Beverly Cleary
Patricia Polacco
EB White
Roald Dahl
Chris VanAllsburg
Judy Blume

Jean Fritz