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Dear Fourth Grader,

We are so excited to welcome you to fourth grade next year! There's a lot to look forward to this fall: coding, scientific illustration, experiments, fantastic stories, unraveling the mysteries of mathematics, and more! In between your summer adventures, it's important to spend a little time exercising your brain and keeping your creativity sharp so that you're ready for action this fall.

What's the most important thing you can do this summer? **Read!** Fiction, non-fiction, magazines, articles, and graphic novels count as reading. You can always check out our list of Suggested Summer Reading Books for some inspiration: all of these books are top recommendations from last year's fourth graders. **Try to read for 20-30 minutes a day, or about 3 hours a week.** Fill out the reading log and challenge badge sheet and bring them with you the first day of school.

You should also **write**. Keep a journal. Start a blog. Write a poem, or create your own comic strip. Look up new words, and try out silly or sophisticated new ways of writing. Experiment with calligraphy. Can you make up your own riddle? How about a story about adventure and drama? Maybe you could write a script and direct your very own play or movie!

It's also really, really important to practice your math facts. There are so many fun apps and games you can play-check out our list if you need some ideas. Practice adding and subtracting money when you run errands with your parents. Figure out how many popsicles you could eat if your grandma let you have 6 or 8 times as many as you ate in the last week.

Last but not least, **make stuff!** Build a city out of Legos, make tree forts, fold paper airplanes or origami. Draw, paint, code a website or a robot! Creating things is a great way to practice organizing ideas, solving problems, and expressing yourself. Go outside, and bring tools! Don't pass up the opportunity to help an adult with gardening. Go on hikes. Make art outside, or make art out of nature. Playing outside is good for your body and your brain.

We can't wait to hear all about your summer! Have adventures, read lots, play lots and get ready for some fourth grade fun!

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4th Grade Summer Reading Log

Student Name: _____ **Year:** _____

Instructions:

- For each item you read, record the title and author and check the box for what type of item you read.
- Rate the text by coloring in stars: **1 star** = Do Not Recommend, **5 stars** = A Must Read! Write 3-5 powerful adjectives to describe the book.
- Try to read for 20-30 minutes every day, or for 3 hours a week.
- **Turn in your reading log and challenge badges on the first day of school.**

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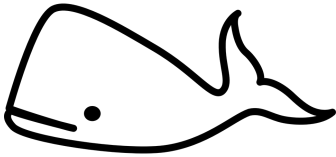
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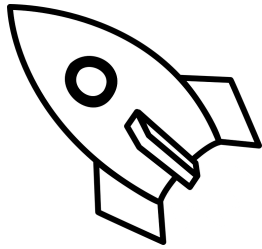
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Summer Reading Challenge Badges

Instructions: Color in the badges for each activity you complete. Turn this packet in on the first day of school.



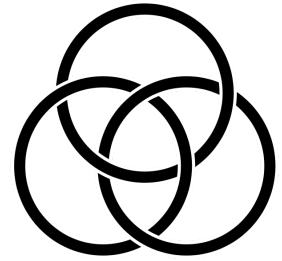
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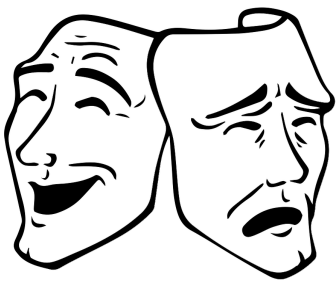
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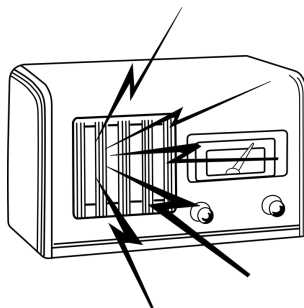
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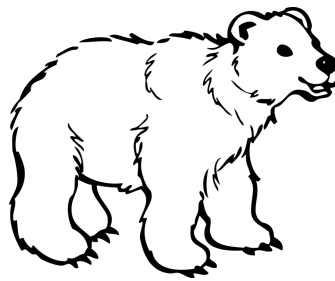
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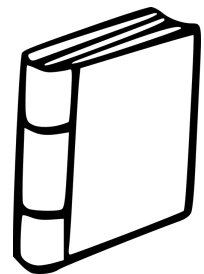
Read a play or movie script



Listen to an audiobook



Read a non-fiction book about an animal you know nothing about



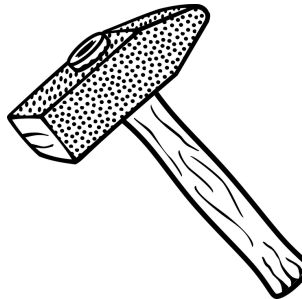
Check-out books from the public library



Read a book that features a world culture different from your own



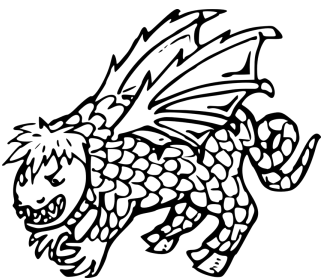
Read aloud to an animal or a stuffie



Read a "how to" book and complete one of the projects or recipes.



Read an action/adventure novel



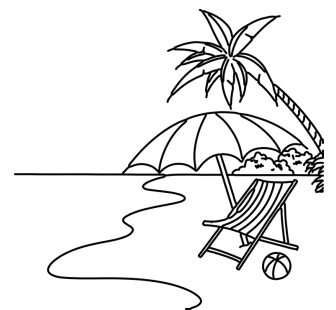
Read a mixed-up fairytale



Read a non-fiction book on engineering / science



Read one book about Wisconsin



Read at the beach

Additional Books/Texts Completed

Title/Author

Review





Suggested reading for incoming 4th graders:

1. The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
2. The Wild Robot Trilogy by Peter Brown
3. Flora and Ulysses by Kate diCamillo
4. The Spy School Series by Stuart Gibbs
5. The Amulet graphic novel series by Kazu Kibuishi
6. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
7. The Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
8. Phoebe and her Unicorn graphic novel series by Dana Simpson
9. The Wings of Fire series (novels or graphic novels) by Tui Sutherland and Mike Holmes
10. The I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

Suggested math games and apps for incoming 4th graders:

1. 24 Game – There are two versions that are helpful: “Original: Single Digits” and “Primer: Multiply Divide.” Practice your math skills by trying to make the number 24 using all four digits on each card once and only once.
2. Adsumudi – A similar concept to 24 Game, players use addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division to make the answer in the center of each card.
3. Splat! – This game is like bingo played with cards. One person calls out a multiplication answer and players must scan the cards in front of them to find a matching problem. The first player to match all of their problem cards wins! Adaptable for one-on-one practice or multiple players.
4. Target! and Absolute Zero are also popular with last year’s fourth graders.
5. Apps such as Squeebles Times Tables (iOS and Android) and Quick Math (iOS only, free version and purchase options to unlock full app) are excellent for on-the-go practice.
6. Khan Academy- 4th grade curriculum (Free self paced video and quiz website)