



Grade 4 Summer Reading and Math



You are required to read:

The Chocolate Touch by: Patrick Skene Catling

You will pick a chapter from this story and illustrate your favorite scene on a 9x12 construction paper. You may choose any color you wish. Be creative and show your best work. You will also write a 4-paragraph summary of the story. Be sure to write the number of sentences required for each paragraph.

First Paragraph- Include the title, author, and the genre of the book. Also, explain what you thought this book was about before you read it. (3-5 sentences)

Second Paragraph-Describe the main character(s) in the book. The sentences should use many adjectives and vivid details. (4-6 sentences) Describe the setting of the book (time and place). (2-3 sentences)

Third Paragraph-Give a short summary of the plot. How does the story begin? What is the problem in the story? How is the problem resolved? Include information about any important events. (5-7 sentences)

Fourth Paragraph- Give your opinion of the book. It's okay if you didn't like it! Be sure to include reasons to support your opinion. (3-4 sentences)

This can be written on white lined paper or typed on the computer. This is due on the first day of school.

You are to choose one of the following fourth grade favorites:

Fourth Grade Fuss by Johanna Hurwitz

Amber Brown Goes Fourth by Paula Danziger

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli

Help! Someone Get Me Out of Fourth Grade by Henry Wrinkler and Lin Oliver

Awfully Short for Fourth Grade by Elvira Woodruff

The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School by Candace Fleming

Keep Ms. Sugarman in the Fourth Grade by Elizabeth Levy

Frindle by Andrew Clements

7 x 9=Trouble by Claudia Mills

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell

You will hand write a letter to the author of the book you chose. This letter will be 2 paragraphs. The first paragraph should explain why you chose that particular book. Be honest. The second paragraph should express what you liked or did not like about the story. (Use examples from the story) Each paragraph should be 4-7 sentences. Be sure to use the basic parts for a letter, heading, greeting, body, closing, and signature. This should be written in your best cursive. This letter will be handed in on the first day of school. You will be graded on the required parts of the letter, sentences, spelling and grammar, and letter format.

Grade 4 Summer Math



Students will be completing the remaining lessons in the *Simple Solutions* book for summer math enrichment. Students should work on the pages throughout the summer. I highly recommend doing 7-10 lessons a week. The lessons in this book help with practicing the skills learned throughout the year and exposure to a few new skills as well. Students need to look to the Help Pages in the back of the book. They can also look at the lessons that were previously done to help remind them of skills they have worked on during the year.

I am also highly recommending that the students practice their multiplication facts. We will begin testing the first week of school. Students will be tested on 100 problems starting at 5 minutes.

I have included some of the many online websites that help with practicing math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) but there are so many sites that can help keep those math facts fresh!

factmonster.com

mathisfun.com

mathusee.com

mathplayground.com

coolmathforkids.com

Have a great summer! Looking forward to seeing you all in August!!!

Peace,

Mrs. Primavera



Grade 4 Supply List

PLEASE PUT NAMES ON ALL BELONGINGS

- ✓ 1 ruler with metric and standard unit (hard plastic or wooden)
- ✓ 4 standard one subject notebooks (Math, Social Studies, Science, Writing...Please label with the subject/name)
- ✓ 2 standard size pencil boxes (I highly recommend the ones that have a zipper for durability)
- ✓ 1 pair of scissors
- ✓ 1 glue stick
- ✓ 3 sturdy folders for homework/reading/writing projects (Please label with the subject/name)
- ✓ 8 pencils
- ✓ 2 large erasers
- ✓ 1 package of pencil erasers (the ones that go on the end of pencils)
- ✓ 8 erasable pens (blue or black only)
- ✓ 2 colored pens for correcting
- ✓ 2 highlighters
- ✓ 1 package colored pencils (these should be put into one of the pencil boxes)
- ✓ 300 3x5 index cards
- ✓ 2 container of disinfecting wipes
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues
- ✓ A check for \$12.00 made out to TCA for the student agenda book and the Scholastic News Magazine. This is used as a part of the Social Studies curriculum.

Students will need to cover all textbooks and workbooks. I highly recommend brown paper bags. They protect our books the best. However, if you wish to use the Book Soxs for the textbooks, be sure they will fit the books properly. We do have 2 extra large textbooks. If covers that are too small will be sent home. DO NOT use contact covers on any textbook even if implies it is easily removed.

Please do not send in binders, markers, or pencil sharpeners. We have 3 pencil sharpeners in the classroom.

It is recommended that when school supplies are available during the back to school sales, that extra supplies be bought and stored. There should be a supply of erasable pens and pencils at home.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year. See you in August!

~~~Peace,

*Mrs. Primavera*

P.S. \*Summer is a time to relax and have fun. It is also a wonderful time to read together, sharing the adventure and excitement of a new book. Parents play an important role in a child's development of a love for reading. The local libraries usually have great summer reading programs for the students with great incentives! This can be an enjoyable experience that will keep reading skills active. I encourage all students to read more than just the summer reading for school!!!