

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
- ✓ 2 glue sticks
- ✓ 3 sturdy folders
 - Label: "Homework" and name
 - Label: "Writing" and name
 - Label: Name only
- ✓ 8 pencils
- ✓ 1 large eraser
- ✓ 1 package of pencil erasers (the ones that go on the end of pencils)
- ✓ 10 erasable pens (blue or black only)
- ✓ 4 colored pens for correcting
- ✓ 1 highlighter
- ✓ 1 package colored pencils (these should be put into one of the pencil boxes)
- ✓ 3 Black *Expo* markers (large size)
- ✓ 300 3x5 lined index cards
- ✓ 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues
- ✓ A check for \$9.00 made out to Trinity for the Scholastic News Magazine. This is used as a part of the Social Studies curriculum.

Students will need to cover all textbooks and workbooks. Brown paper bags protect our books the best. Please do not use any Book Soxs for the textbooks. DO NOT use contact covers on any textbook even if implies it is easily removed. Contact paper is fine for the workbooks (Math, Simple Solutions, and Vocabulary only).

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!!! (See back for article on "Preventing the Summer Slide")

# Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide-or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find "right fit" books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child —explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



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