

Fourth Grade Summer Information

Have a fun summer and remember
to exercise your brain!



READING

Fourth grade will be a wonderful year. You are the leaders and role models for the Lower School! To prepare for fourth grade, you have worked diligently refining your reading, writing, and spelling skills and have learned the basics of research writing. In order to keep these skills sharp for the coming school year, you can do some reading and writing you enjoy. Read books, lots of different kinds of books. Read a book with a friend and talk about it. Practice writing summaries of what you are reading. Use as many details as you can. In fourth grade, you will practice expressing your ideas more clearly through writing using more details. Write a letter to a friend or a family member sharing what you are enjoying about summer. Challenge yourself to create word pictures for the recipient of the letter so that they will be able to imagine what you are describing.

Enjoy reading and writing this summer. The only requirement is that you read *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume prior to school starting on August 24. The class will discuss the book the first few days of class.

MATH

This past year has been very productive and you have learned a great deal. In order to maintain the new skills and concepts covered, practicing over the summer is essential. Reflex Math is an excellent way to keep skills sharp. Please continue to use Reflex Math throughout the summer. Other activities would include estimating total costs when shopping, making change, and determining elapsed time (i.e. a movie starts at 1:45 and lasts one hour and thirty-seven minutes. What time is the movie over?).

People of all ages love to play games that are fun and motivating. Games give students opportunities to explore fundamental number concepts, such as counting sequences, one-to-one correspondence and computational strategies. Games that are mathematically challenging can also encourage students to explore place value, patterns, and other important mathematical concepts. They give the students the opportunity to deepen their mathematical reasoning and understanding. They can vary and be more or less challenging as the student needs them to be. This creates an atmosphere of less frustration and more confidence. You can find the list on the next page.

Students entering 4th grade should know multiplication and division fact families through 12's by memory and be comfortable solving multi-step word problems.

IN THE KNOW

ORIENTATION

Friday, August 21, 2020 9 a.m.
Students and parents should plan to attend. The meeting will last about an hour and take place in your child's classroom.

SUMMER READING

Summer reading and writing suggestions are included. **Every student is required to read *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume.**

SUMMER MATH

Summer suggestions for math are included. Students are encouraged to continue with Reflex Math and play games that stimulate analytical thinking. This will help maintain basic math skills. **Students should know multiplication and division fact families through 12's by memory and be comfortable solving multi-step word problems.**

SUPPLIES

A supply list is attached. For your convenience the PFC offers pre-packaged supplies that can be purchased online.
<http://www.lakehillprep.org/parents/>

CALENDAR

Up to date info can be found at:
<http://www.lakehillprep.org/campus-life/school-calendar/>

CONTACT

The school office is open Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.—2 p.m. You may also email John Trout, Lower School Division Head, at jtrout@lakehillprep.org

See you in August!

2020-2021 4TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Please do not write on your supplies.

Classroom

- 36 #2 pencils
- 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- Chisel Tip Highlighters - Pack of 12 Assorted Colors
- 6 BIC red round stick medium white barrels
- 3 black dry erase low odor markers
- 3 blue dry erase low odor markers
- 12" wood ruler metal edge 3 hole punch (inches and centimeters)
- 4 glue sticks-.75 oz.
- 1 12ct. 7" colored pencils
- 2 yellow pocket/brad folders
- 3 blue pocket/brad folders
- 2 purple pocket/brad folders
- 2 red pocket/brad folders
- 2 green pocket/brad folder
- 5" pointed left/right metal blade scissors (pointed tip)
- 1 8ct. classic fine tip washable markers
- 1 8ct. classic broad tip washable markers
- 2 boxes of Kleenex 230ct. facial tissue
- 1 refill roll of Scotch tape (3/4 in. wide)
- 2 container Anti-Bacterial wipes
- 1 pkg. 3x5 index cards 100 ct.
- 1 half circle protractor (MM4F)
- 1 Composition books, black and white marble, 100 sheets

Art:

- Portfolio (12"x18"x2") Star Products-Red Rope without handles velcro closure
- Huggies fragrance free wipes

SUMMER READING

Author	Title
REQUIRED	
Judy Blume	<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>
<i>Other Suggestions:</i>	
Bruce Hale	<i>The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse</i>
James Howe	<i>Bunnicula</i>
Robert C. O'Brien	<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i>
Andrew Clements	<i>Jake Drake, Teacher's Pet</i>
Carolyn Keene	<i>The Mysterious Mannequin</i> (a Nancy Drew mystery)
Franklin W. Dixon	<i>The Shore Road Mystery</i> (a Hardy Boys Mystery)
Rick Riordan	<i>The Lightning Thief</i>



MATH COMPUTER GAMES AND PRACTICE SHEETS

Games

<http://www.aplusmath.com/Games>

<http://coolmath.com>

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/mathGames.htm>

<http://gregtangmath.com/games>

<https://www.ixl.com/math/grade-3>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>

Worksheets

<http://www.math-drills.com>

<http://www.theteachersguide.com/printouts.htm>

<http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/printables.htm>

<http://www.worksheets4teachers.com>

READING WARRIORS

Do you want to keep your child's brain active this summer? Nothing beats summer brain drain better than reading! Your child will love these summer programs that reward children for exercising their imaginations, building their vocabularies, and staying school-ready with books and prizes. Choose a few to help keep your child motivated to read, read, read all summer long.

Every 10 days of reading earns children a free book at the **Dallas Public Library's Smart Summer Program**, and children who read 50 or more days over the summer are eligible for grand prize from community sponsors. Sign up at <https://dallaslibrary2.org/childrensCenter/summerReadingProgram/>.

Barnes and Noble's Summer Reading Journal Program will give you a free book just for reading 8 books of your choice from home, the library, or a bookstore. Visit <https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/h/summer-reading/2020/2020/SummerReadingJournal.pdf> to see the selection of great free books by famous authors that your child can earn.

Local Favorite **Half Price Books' Feed Your Brain Program** encourages families to read and to spread the word about reading over social media for the chance to earn prizes. Virtual story times, recommendations, and weekly giveaways can all be found at www.hpb.com/fyb.

Sadly, not every community has access to great books. You can help United Way and Scholastic serve underprivileged communities by participating in the **Scholastic Summer Read-A-Palooza**. For every two days in a row that kids track online, Scholastic will donate 6 books to communities who need them most. Reading makes a difference at <https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>.

Watch your inbox this summer for periodic updates from Lakehill Librarian Mrs. Pike with more reading and summer enrichment activities to keep your child's brain active and learning all summer long!

Have fun reading this summer!

—Lakehill's Lower School Teachers

