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Welcome to Fourth Grade! As your teachers next year, we would like to congratulate you on finishing third grade, and wish you a happy and safe summer. While summer is a wonderful time to relax and spend time with family and friends, we would like to encourage each of you, our "rising" fourth graders, to spend some time each week on activities that will help you be ready to begin school again in the fall. So, have fun with these activities and we will see you in August!

Reading

We heard from your third grade teachers about how much all of you love books, we do too! So the first thing we want you to do this summer is read, read, read... every day! Find books that interest you and are "just right" for you. Try a new series or genre, listen to books on CD, share a book with a parent or older sibling, start a book club and read the same book as a friend, parent, or grandparent!

Join a summer reading program at the DeWitt, Briggs (St. Johns), or Lansing Public libraries or through a local bookstore. Each program is different and offers fun activities and rewards! You can also find programs at local bookstores such as Schulers: <https://www.schulerbooks.com/summer-reading-club>

Take advantage of the electronic books available on MyOn offered by the School District.

Borrow books from the "Little Free Library" that will be located outside of Riley this summer.

Writing

Keep a journal of your daily activities.

Write a story in the style of your favorite author or series, or write another chapter for a great book that you wish hadn't ended.

Practice summarizing by writing down the important points from a magazine or newspaper article that you read.

Write letters to people close by or far away. It's always fun to get mail!

E-mail us! We'd love to get to know you before school begins next year. We'll be sure to answer within a few days. Mrs. Kelly (kellyd@sjredwings.org) Mrs. Ely (elyk@sjredwings.org)

Math

Keep working in IXL math throughout the summer. Review the first and second grade concepts and then make sure you've gotten a score of 100 in important 3rd grade sections like fractions, numbers and comparing, place value, addition, subtraction, and multiplication.

Work hard on mastering your addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts. Practice pages to print can be found at: www.math-drills.com and www.aplusmath.com.

Practice finding at least the first 12 multiples of the numbers up to twelve (skip count by the number). For example, the first 5 multiples of 6 are: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30.

Follow recipes, paying special attention to fractions. Try doubling a recipe, or just making half of it. How would the measurements change?

Science

Practice reading and making graphs. Examine any graph you find and see if you can explain what it is showing to someone who has not seen the graph. Ask people to answer a question that interests you and graph your results using bar and line graphs.

Find some non-fiction books and get an early jump on learning about our science topics: human body, senses and the brain, rocks, the rock cycle and earth's processes (erosion & weathering), sound, waves and communication, energy, motion, and electricity.

Social Studies

Topics of study: geography of the United States, economics, citizenship, and government

Geography: pay attention to where you are traveling this summer. Look at maps. Do you know the town or city, state, country, and continent where you are?

Economics: Keep track of how you spend and earn money this summer. Record your thoughts in a journal. Be sure to include things you wanted to buy but could not afford, and the choices you had to make with the limited money that you have.

Suggested Supplies for Fourth Grade

While certainly not required, some parents like to provide supplies for the classroom. Below is a list of some suggestions for items if you choose to donate.



- 1 tape bound composition style notebook with lined notebook paper inside - cover color/design does not matter, but please **avoid plastic covers**



- a **sturdy** "homework folder" for papers to and from school- cover design/color does not matter... PLEASE DO NOT SEND trapper keepers



- 4 folders, **please, please, please** be sure each has metal "gussets" or brackets inside for holding loose notebook paper: 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow, 1 red

- highlighters
- 2 ball point correcting pens - not blue or black
- 2 dry erase markers with a writing tip- if you can find an eraser cap, awesome!
- personal set of earbuds/headphones, labeled in a protective case
- colored pencils
- pencils and erasers -please send in periodically throughout the year, mechanical pencils with larger size lead are nice
- 2 pads of sticky notes- around 3 x 3 inches
- a pencil box or pouch to hold supplies in desk
- a box or two of tissues for the classroom
- scissors
- glue - liquid or stick, whatever your 4th grader prefers

Optional supplies: markers, a sturdy ruler, a small calculator, pencil sharpener (with lid for catching shavings).

Other items that are appreciated for the classroom: disinfectant wipes, snack, sandwich, and quart size snap and seal-type bags, small and large size paper plates, 8 oz cups - no styrofoam please, plastic spoons, stickers for student papers

We are excited to be your teachers next year and can't wait to hear about all of your summer adventures!

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