

June 24, 2010

Dear Fourth Grader,

Hello and welcome to our class. We are sending you home with one terrific book that you are required to read over the summer and bring back the first day of school. After you have read the book, you will pick one project from the attached list to complete. If you have another idea for a project, that's fine. Be creative! Bring in your completed project on the first day of school. We will share them and you will receive your first grade.

Summer reading should be fun so we are providing you with a list of great books that we think you'll enjoy. We would like you to read at least one more book. Feel free to use the list or select your own books. Not every good book is included but the list has something for every reader. Be adventurous and read a genre you've never tried before.

In addition to reading your assigned books, work on your multiplication facts over the summer. It will be very helpful if you know your times tables.

On the back of this letter is a list of supplies that you will need. Bring these supplies with you on the first day of school.

We are looking forward to having you with us in fourth grade this fall. Have a fun, safe summer! See you in September!

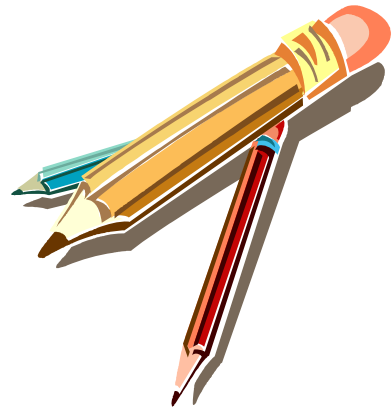
Warmly,

Mrs. Adamcewicz
Mrs. Havlik



Fourth Grade Supply List

- Sharpened pencils *
- Pencil-top erasers *
- Highlighters
- Sturdy two-pocket folders (4)
- Small scissors
- Glue sticks (4)
- Box of crayons (16 count)
- Box of colored pencils
- Art smock
- Marbled hard-covered composition books (6)
- Paperback dictionary (child's version of Webster's or American Heritage.)
- Roll of scotch tape *
- Small stapler and staples



* These items will need to be replaced throughout the year.

Book Projects

- Act out the story
- Dress up like your favorite character
- Prepare a reader's theater presentation
- Make a cube depicting parts of the story
- Make a diorama or a mobile
- Write a letter to the author
- Make a pop-up story book
- Write a poem
- Paint a scene from the story
- Make a poster to "sell" the story
- Write an advertisement for the book
- Design a book jacket
- Make a collage
- Make a banner
- Draw a mural
- Create a TV scroll with scenes from the story
- Write a letter to a character
- Find appropriate music for the story and tell why it was chosen
- Find or make food appropriate to the story and tell why
- Put on a talk show and interview characters from the book
- Put on a puppet show
- Write a new ending to the story
- Write a sequel
- Write a commercial about the book and videotape it
- Write an invitation for a friend to read the book
- Make character masks
- Watch the movie and write a paragraph to compare/contrast
- Read another book by the same author and compare/contrast
- Write a play or a skit and present to the class
- Write and perform a song about the story or characters
- Make buttons
- Write a biography of a character

Fourth Grade

Curriculum

Mathematics

- **MULTIPLICATION**
 - Whole numbers
 - Fractions
 - Decimals
- **DIVISION**
 - Whole numbers
 - Decimals
 - Money
- **ADDITION & SUBTRACTION**
 - Whole numbers
 - regrouping
 - Decimals
 - Fractions
 - Place value
 - Metric system
 - U.S. Customary System
 - Estimating
 - Variables
 - Months and years
 - Time
 - Mixed numbers
 - Problem solving
- **FORMULAS**
 - Perimeter
 - Area
 - Volume
 - Diameter
 - Radius
- **SCALES**
- **ROUNDING**

READING

- Critical Thinking
- Analyzing
- Main Idea and Supporting Details
- Sequencing
- Vocabulary
- Figurative Language
- Story Structure
- Mapping
- Comparing and Contrasting
- Accessing Information
- Evaluation
- Independent Reading
- Classifying
- Decoding
- Comprehension Strategies

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Grammar
- Spelling
- Writing
- Outlining
- Punctuation
- Study Skills
- researching
- Listening and Speaking
- Cursive Handwriting

SCIENCE

- **LIFE SCIENCE**
 - Seed Plants
 - Animals and Classification
 - Animal Adaptations
 - Ecosystems
- **PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
 - Properties of Matter
 - Work and Heat Energy
- **EARTH SCIENCE**
 - Solar System
 - Minerals and Rocks
 - Water
 - Atmosphere

NEW YORK STATE HISTORY

- Maps
- Geography
- Native Americans
- Early Settlers
- Revolutionary War
- Growth and Development
- Local Government

HEALTH

- D.A.R.E
- Health Habits
- Respect and Tolerance
- Circulatory/Digestive/Respiratory Systems

Fourth Grade Suggested Book List

* Go to the Montauk School website for additional summer reading lists.

Realistic

Cleary, Beverly. **Beezus And Ramona** – Beezus tries to be patient with her little sister, but 4 year old Ramona has the habit of doing annoying things. Level O

Park, Barbara. **Skinnybones** – Alex is not a good baseball player. His talent is in wisecracking. His wisecracking turns into a disaster. Level P

Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** – Peter has difficulty living with his younger brother, Fudge. Peter would like his parents to pay more attention to him for a change. Level Q

Mead, Alice. **Junebug(series)** – A young boy who lives with his mother and sister in a housing project approaches his tenth birthday with mixed feelings. Level S

Creech, Sharon. **Granny Torrelli Makes Soup** – With the help of her wise old grandmother, Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend. Level S

Folktales

San Souci. **Cut From The Same Cloth: American Women Of Myth, Legend, And Tall Tale** – Strong, brave, sometimes humorous women from many cultures and regions. Level T

Hamilton. **The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales** - Rich variety of stories about animals, slaves ghosts, and a king/princess tale. Level X

Fiction

Adler. **Cam Jansen And The Triceratops Pops Mystery.** – Cam and Eric crack the case of the missing CD's of a popular rock group, The Triceratops Pops. Level L

Park. **Junie B. Jones Is A Beauty Shop Guy (series)** – After her 1st professional cut, Junie creates hair disasters on her dog, her slippers and herself. Short and silly story. Level M

Sachar. **Marvin Redpost: Alone In His Teacher's House.** – Marvin dog- sits for his teacher. Short funny book. Level M

Danziger. **Amber Brown Sees Red** – Amber's divorced parents are a challenge to her when her father plans to return from France. Level O

Lindgren, Astrid. **Pippi Longstocking (series)** – Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey – but without any parents – at the edge of a Swedish town. Level O

Smith, Robert K. **Chocolate Fever** – Henry breaks out in brown bumps from eating too much chocolate. Level O

Robinson. **Best School Year Ever.** – Those horrible kids return with more wild behavior and outrageous lies. Level P

Sachar. **Sideways Stories From Wayside School.** – Hilarious happenings in a wacky school. Good belly laughs. Level P

Scieska. **Summer Reading Is Killing Me.** – Joe, Sam and Fred are trapped inside their summer reading list. Short funny novel. Level P

Coville, **Aliens Ate My Homework** – Kidnapped by aliens! The sequel: I left my sneakers in dimension X. Level Q

Winthrop. **Castle In The Attic.** – A toy castle comes to life when our hero steps into it. Level R

Clements. **Frindle** – What's a Frindle? A boy tries to confuse his teacher by getting the class to use made – up words. Level R

Byars. **Dissappearing Acts: A Herculeah Jones Mystery.(series)** – Albert finds a dead body in a restaurant: meanwhile Herculeah looks for Albert's missing father. Level S

Dahl. **Matilda** – Matilda applies her mental powers to foil the evil headmistress. Level S

Tanaka. **On Board The Titanic** – Fictional boy Jack sails on the ill- fated Titanic in this informative, exciting novel. Level T

Historical Fiction

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Riding Freedom** – Charlotte Parkhurst knows the world of the 1860's holds more opportunities for boys than girls, so she cuts off her hair, dons boys' clothing, and begins a new life as a boy. Level P

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **Little House On The Praire (series)** – Join Laura and her family on their adventures of America's frontier. Level Q

Taylor, Mildred. **The Friendship.** – Four children witness a confrontation between an elderly black man and a white storekeeper in rural Mississippi in the 1930's. Level S

* **As the leveled books increase alphabetically, they become more challenging.**