

Welcome **4<sup>th</sup> graders!** I'm excited to have you in my class next school year. It's been a crazy last couple months, but now we can relax for a bit first and hopefully have an enjoyable summer!

While summer is fun, don't forget to keep working on your school skills. Here are a few things to help you with that throughout the summer.



### **Summer Reading Challenge:**

Each fourth grader must read one *non-fiction book* and one *Newbery Award book*. Of course, each of you may read other books, as well! The goal is to read many types of books and record at least 900 minutes read for the entire summer. That's less than fifteen minutes a day!

Record the title, author, and number of pages of each book, have a parent sign the sheet and bring with you on the first day of school. This will count as your first reading grades of the school year 😊



### **Facts and more:**

**Facts:** It's important that you practice your math facts. Work with flash cards to make yourself faster at addition facts, subtraction facts, and especially multiplication facts. Also, practice solving math word problems – we will be doing these every day in fourth grade math, so getting a head start now will help you a bunch!

**Alphabetical order/syllabication:** can you put four or more words in abc order? Practice these often this summer. One example – put these words in order: summer, vacation, camping, bicycling. Can you do it? Now tell how many syllables are in each word. Another thing: practice using a dictionary; we will use it often in fourth grade.

SUMMER EXTRA: A great book to help practice all the basic skills going into fourth grade is The Summer Bridge 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. You can find this all stores, like the School Box, if you want.

See you in August! 😊

*God's blessings, Mrs. Arndt*



### Summer Reading Challenge:

The *non-fiction book* I read was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

I read this book for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. It had \_\_\_\_\_ pages.

Subject I read about:
Three things I learned about this subject:
1.
2.
3.

I would recommend this book to a friend. Yes or no Explain your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summer Reading Challenge:

The *Newbery Award book* I read was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

I read this book for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. It had \_\_\_\_\_ pages.

Fill in the chart about this book:

Characters (who is the story about?)
Setting (where and when does this story take place?)
Plot (what important things happen in this story?)

A Newbery Award winning book is a book chosen because it was the best of the books written in that year. Do you think this book should be considered one of the best books? Explain why your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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