June 2017

Dear Third Grade Students (and Parents),

We are really excited that we will be your teachers next fall in Fourth Grade. Summer is just about here, and everyone is thinking about vacation. We’re sure you are all excited about what you will be doing, getting some sun, and having a little rest and relaxation. Part of our summer will be spent reading as many good books as we can! Along with your other summer adventures, we know you will be doing some summer reading. We suggest reading an average of at least **20 minutes a day** as this will be the expectation when you come back to school in the fall.

While you are reading, you will actually be working on part of the summer reading project. There are 3 parts to this project.

1. Pick at least three chapter books to read this summer. **One of these books needs to be a biography.** You may look at the library webpage to get reading suggestions or here is a list of possible books to choose from:

   “The Small Adventures of Popeye and Elvis” by Barbara O’Connor
   “File Under: 13 Suspicious Incidents by Lemony Snicket
   “Shells, Smells, and the Horrible Flip-Flops of Doom” by Rachel Vail
   “The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas” by David Almond
   “The Name of This Book is Secret” by Pseudonymous Bosch
   “Flora and Ulysses” by Kate DiCamillo
   “The Fairy-Tale Detectives” by Michael Buckley
   “Mission Unstoppable” by Dan Gutman
   “Wrinker” by Jerry Spinelli
   “Jackie and Me” by Dan Gutman
   “Fourth Grade Rats” by Jerry Spinelli
   “Mr. Tucket” by Gary Paulsen
   “Vincent Shadow: Toy Inventor” by Tim Kehoe
   “The Lemonade War” by Jacqueline Davies

2. Use the reading log to show the books you have read this summer.

3. Illustrate a map for one of the settings from ONE fiction book that you enjoyed this summer.

4. Fill out the biography questionnaire after reading the biography you chose to read.
Along with your reading project, it is expected that you will come to Fourth Grade with your multiplication tables memorized. It might help to buy or make flash cards. Multiplication tables can be worked on anywhere, whether you are on the subway or waiting in line at an amusement park. There are also many websites and apps that have flash card games for multiplication.

We look forward to finding out about the books you read and taking a look at the maps you design. Enjoy your reading! We hope you have a very happy summer! We are looking forward to seeing you in Fourth Grade in September.

Warmly,

Mrs. Epstein and Ms. Gerber
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Biography Questionnaire

1. What is the name of the person you read about? 

2. Why did you choose to read about this person?

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3. When did this person live? 

4. What is the person most known for? 

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5. Tell us about an important event in this person’s life. 

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6. What is the most interesting thing you learned about this person?

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