

Dear Rising Fourth Grade Families,

We are so excited about your student's final year of the Lower School! Fourth grade is a fun transition to Middle School and the culmination of our Primary Years Program. We look forward to getting started with the year and watching our fourth graders grow. At Spartanburg Day School, we aim to develop the whole child and that means combining academics with social-emotional wellbeing. Keeping this in mind, we would like students to balance a bit of academic work with movement, play, and fun over the summer. Here are a few items that need to be accomplished over the summer:

- 1) The students need to come to fourth grade knowing their multiplication and division facts for the numbers 1-12 *fluently*. A student is considered fluent if they can answer each fact within 3 seconds. Students may use flash cards or math fact apps to practice.
- 2) The students need to keep a reading log and read at least 100 minutes per week. Please complete the Reading Log with each book completed.
- 3) The students need to choose four additional items to complete from the academic choice board. Documentation of completed work will be turned in on the first day of school.

Summer work is a requirement for students, and students that submit work documentation and completed reading logs will receive a prize from the LS treasure box on the first day of school. More importantly, we want to prevent the summer slide and keep students engaged in learning throughout the summer.

Just as helping to prevent the summer slide is important for academic achievement, movement and play are important, too! We encourage you to provide a multitude of experiences and activities for your child this summer. Use your imagination, be creative, limit screen time, and talk together! We hope you have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a fun filled year with your child!

Best,

Mrs. Huckaby
Head of Lower School

Academic Choice Board
****Complete 4 assignments****

<p>Draw the setting of the book. Write a brief summary of where it takes place and the time period.</p>	<p>Draw a picture of your favorite character in the setting of the book. Around the character, write as many character traits as you can describe.</p>	<p>IXL Module D.1 (Multiplication)</p>
<p>Make a comic strip (pictures and dialogue) to show the main problem in the story.</p>	<p>Before you read the story, make a list of predictions about what you think will happen. At the end, write whether your predictions were correct or how the story was different.</p>	<p>IXL Module E.1 (Division)</p>
<p>Write about what interested you the most in the book.</p>	<p>Write your own story that was inspired by reading your book.</p>	<p>IXL Module C.1 (Subtraction)</p>
<p>Pretend you are a newscaster. Record yourself giving a newscast of the dramatic events in the story.</p>	<p>Create digital trading cards for the characters in your book: http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/games-tools/trading-card-creator-a-30181.html</p>	<p>Spend 15 minutes on multiplication.com practicing facts</p>
<p>Pretend that two people are having a debate about the book. Write what they would say to each other back and forth.</p>	<p>Complete a digital timeline to show the sequence of events in your story using this website: http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/timeline-30007.html</p>	<p>Research a topic of your choice and create a power point presentation to teach others about your topic.</p>

Movement Choice Board
 See how many you can complete!

<p>Play a game with a group of friends such as: Freeze Tag Jump Rope Hopscotch Freeze Dance Tug-of-War</p>	<p>Have a dance party with your family or a friend</p>	<p>Build an obstacle course and challenge a friend to beat your time!</p>	<p>Complete a chore around the house such as: Vacuuming Mowing grass Folding laundry Dusting</p>
<p>Make slime or putty</p>	<p>Make a necklace or bracelet</p>	<p>Bury objects in the sand and dig to find them</p>	<p>Make cookies with your family</p>
<p>Make pizza from scratch with your family</p>	<p>Have a water balloon fight</p>	<p>Create a piece of art with your fingers instead of a brush</p>	<p>Jump rope or jump on a trampoline</p>
<p>Ride your bike or scooter</p>	<p>Climb on a rock wall or monkey bars</p>	<p>Plant a garden</p>	<p>Exercise activities such as: Push ups Sit ups Lunges Wall squats</p>
<p>Clean the dishes</p>	<p>Cook a meal for your family</p>	<p>Push someone else on a swing</p>	<p>Play on the playground</p>

