



# Rising 4th Graders 2024 Summer Assignments

Dear Parents,

Soon your child will be enjoying his/her 4th grade year. Summer is a time for rest, rejuvenation and fun.

While we encourage this time of relaxation, it is also a time for keeping our reading, math, and English skills fresh. Research indicates that at least one month of learning loss can take place over the summer. To protect your child's academic growth, you will find the required practice for some of the academic skills that were learned this year. We recommend that you create a routine for summer review. We want the time to be well paced and meaningful. This will ensure that your child is confident and prepared as he/she returns to school in August.

The following assignments will be due ON THE FIRST FULL day of school.

Ten points will be deducted from any late assignments. The reading assignment will count as a reading grade, and the writing assignment will count as an English grade.

**\*These assignments are not optional.**

Reading:

**Assignment 1-** Students are required to read one book of their choice and complete the "Book Talk Builder" form for their chosen book. Please make sure the book is on your child's reading level or above. Please make sure the book is not below a 3.0 reading level. The students can check the reading level at <https://www.arbookfind.com>.

**Assignment 2-** Read The Hour of the Olympics by Mary Pope Osborne. The activities for this book will be completed as a class the first week of school.

Math:

Shortly after the start of the fourth grade year, students will work toward mastering 100 multiplication facts in 5 minutes (0-12 facts). This is a 3rd grade skill, so all students should already have these memorized. To build upon their mastery from the third grade, we recommend students frequently practice these skills throughout summer break. Flash cards are the best way to practice. However, there are also numerous websites that have practice games.

<https://www.multiplication.com/>

[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)

### Writing:

On notebook paper, write about 2 adventures you went on this summer. Each entry should be written in paragraph form (title, indent, 5 or more sentences, correct punctuation/capitalization/spelling). Your adventures could be about a vacation you went on, a relaxing day at home, something special you celebrated...these are just a few suggestions.

### Suggested Summer Reading for **Rising 4th Graders but not limited to:**

Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (3.3)

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman (3.9)

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm (3.7)

The Black Lagoon Series by Mike Thaler (2.8-3.5)

A to Z Mystery Series by Ron Roy (3.5-4.5)

Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Series by several authors (3.7-6.5)

Shiloh by Phyllis R. Naylor (4.4)

Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks (4.6)

Ramona Forever by Beverly Cleary (4.8)

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0)

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (5.4)

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (5.0)

Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? by Jean Fritz (5.7)

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (5.7)

The Black Stallion and Flame by Walter Farley (6.4)

Rapunzel by Wendy Mass (6.0)

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift (6.1)