



WHITESBURG
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Summer Reading & Math

SUMMER 2024

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Reminder

NEW WATER BOTTLE POLICY FOR 2024-25



Grammar School

WATER BOTTLE POLICY 2024-25

Water Bottles must meet the following criteria for the 2024-2025 school year:



1. 20 oz. or less
2. Must have a lid that closes
3. No straws
4. Hard plastic preferred
5. Hook for hanging under desk





Upcoming 1st Graders

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READING

Please choose a book from the following list. Partner read to a parent.

- Dr. Seuss books
- Eric Carle books
- Henry and Mudge series (Cynthia Rylant)
- Any Frog and Toad book (Arnold Lobel)
- Biscuit books
- Any Rainbow Fish book (Marcus Pfister)

Also go over the following:

- Color Words
- Word Families – Example: at, cat, sat, rat
- Fry's 100 Sight Words List

MATH

Practice:

- Number Words (1-10)
- Counting to 100
- Writing to 100
- Skip counting by 2's to 20, 5's, and 10's to 100
- Basic number sense – Example: addition with pictures



Upcoming 2nd Graders

SUMMER 2024

READING

Below is a list of age-appropriate books for summer reading. Please read at least three books from the list below:

Ivy and Bean series
Amelia Bedelia series
Nate the Great series
Frog and Toad series

Cam Jansen series
Junie B. Jones series
Magic Tree House series
Pee Wee Scouts series

A-Z Mysteries series
Boxcar Children series
Judy Moody series
Flat Stanley series

Please consider purchasing a Summer Bridge Activities 1st-2nd Grade activity book. These are available at most book stores for around \$10. This will provide reinforcement and enrichment of first grade skills for your child this summer. Please try to read a few minutes daily. The following chart is a great illustration of the integral role that daily reading plays in a child's intellectual development:

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Read	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day.	5 minutes per day.	1 minute per day.
3,600 minutes per school year.	900 minutes per school year.	180 minutes per school year.
1,800,000 words per year.	282,000 words per year.	8,000 words per year.
Scores 90th percentile on standardized test.	Scores 50th percentile on standardized test.	Scores 10th percentile on standardized test.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of the 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

MATH

Please spend 10-15 minutes per day reviewing the addition and subtraction facts to 20.

In addition, you may want to utilize some of the following:

- Flashcards – available at Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree
- [Math Fact Café](#) – You can use this website to generate your own practice sheets.
- Dry-erase white boards – Call out basic math addition/subtraction facts and have your child solve.



Upcoming 3rd Graders

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READING

Please choose at least one book from the list below to read this summer. Bring this book with you on the first day of school. We will be completing several activities using information from your chosen book.

Freckle Juice by Judy Bloom – Reading Level 3.1

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl – Reading Level 4.1

Boxcar Children Surprise Island by Gertrude Chandler Warner – Reading Level 4.2

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl – Reading Level 4.8

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle by Betty MacDonald – Reading Level 5.2

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren – Reading Level 5.2

MATH

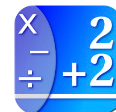
Please practice ALL of your addition and subtraction fact families. This will help you remember all the awesome facts you learned in 2nd grade! We will have math fact quizzes as soon as school begins.

Below are some great sources to help you practice.

- Flashcards
- Dry erase white boards
- www.ixl.com
- www.dadsworksheets.com
- www.math-aids.com
- www.mathfactcafe.com

- iPad Apps (only Apple compatible):

Math Facts Master





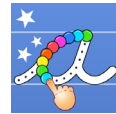
Upcoming 3rd Graders

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CURSIVE HANDWRITING

Students that have attended WCA in 2nd grade have learned most of the cursive alphabet and should have a great foundation. If you are coming from a public school, it is possible you have not learned cursive yet. Everyone should practice over the summer to help with confidence and success in handwriting. We teach a D'Nealian style cursive writing and want the students to practice the correct form, slant, and sizing of the capital and lower case letters. Below are some fun ways to practice over the summer. If your child needs a handwriting workbook, please let us know.

- Cursive writing worksheets [LINK](#)
- Video for forming letters [LINK](#)
- Practice writing in the sand, with sidewalk chalk, in water, in shaving cream, or on a white board
- Google Play Store App: Cursive Writing Wizard



THIRD GRADE EXTRAS

- Students will have lockers for their backpacks, lunchboxes, and jackets.
- Rolling backpacks will NOT fit in the lockers.
- Students will need to purchase a locker shelf.
- We DO NOT allow locker decorations.
- Students can keep a raincoat or small umbrella in their lockers.



Upcoming 4th Graders

SUMMER 2024

READING

While you are laying by the pool or relaxing at your house, please choose one of the following books that is close to your reading level to read! We will be completing several activities at the beginning of the school year using information from the book you have selected. Please be sure to pay close attention to characters, settings, and important story events!

- *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo 4.7
- *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary 5.1
- *The BFG* by Ronald Dahl 4.8
- *Henry and Ribsy* by Beverly Cleary 4.6
- *Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks 4.6
- *Fudge-a-Mania* by Judy Blume 3.3
- *Shiloh* by Phillis Reynolds Naylor 4.4
- *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli 4.3
- *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden 4.9
- *Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements 5.2
- *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* by Candace Fleming 3.3

MATH

Facts! Facts! ...And more facts! It is super important to practice your facts!

Over the summer, practice the following:

- Unknown addition facts (For example: Do you know $7 + 5$ without having to think about it? If not, practice!)
- Unknown Subtraction facts
- Multiplication facts
- Division facts

Practice facts that are difficult for you while driving in the car or waiting for a friend to play! Practice until you know them without having to think! You will be a quizzed on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts throughout fourth grade. You can practice your facts using flashcards, worksheets, online games (www.funbrain.com, www.ixl.com, etc.), or even by downloading an app to your parent's phone. For example, Jungle Math Bingo!



Upcoming 4th Graders

SUMMER 2024

CURSIVE HANDWRITING

In fourth grade, we use cursive handwriting the entire year. If you have been coming to WCA, you should have a pretty good foundation. If you are coming from a public school, it is likely you did not learn to write in cursive. Everyone should practice over the summer to help with confidence and success in handwriting. We look for correctly formed letters, correct sizing, and a slight slant to the right. Below are some fun ways to get practice.

- You can find practice writing the alphabet, words, sentences, and passages at this [LINK](#).
- Practice writing in the sand
- Practice writing in the water
- Practice writing in shaving cream
- Practice writing on a white board
- Practice writing with sidewalk chalk

4TH GRADE EXPENSES

Business Day

Each student will be required to make 48-60 items to sell when “opening their own business.” Parents will be responsible for purchasing the supplies to make the items, and DO NOT get reimbursed. Please do not allow your child to pick a product that will cost a large amount of money or take a large amount of time to make. Your child can start thinking of fun items he/she would like to create! Each item has to be approved during the school year by the teacher. Please do not allow your child to start making the items without teacher permission.



Upcoming 5th Graders

SUMMER 2024

READING

Your child needs to read one of the following books over the summer.

Book List:

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson
- *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare
- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

Be sure to bring the book on the first day of school.

MATH

Don't forget about math over the summer! Keep practicing your multiplication and division facts. There are also fun practice sites like [multiplication.com](https://www.multiplication.com) and [funbrain.com](https://www.funbrain.com)!



Upcoming 6th Graders

SUMMER 2024

READING

Please read TWO of the following books. You must select one from each list. Your choices need to be books you have not previously read.

List #1

- *Rifles for Watie* by Harold Keith
- *Rascal* by Sterling North
- *Little Women* or *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johan Wyss
- *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Douglas Wiggin

List #2

- *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements
- *Keeping Safe the Stars* by Shelia O'Connor
- *Nooks & Crannies* by Jessica Lawson
- *The Worst Class Trip Ever* by Dave Berry
- *Brady* by Jean Fritz
- *Project 1065* by Alan Grantz
- *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Grantz
- *I am Mala* by Mala Yousafzai
- *Muzz* by Jonathan Pope

Be sure to bring both books on the third day of school. There will be discussions and in class projects with your summer reading novels. If your family has magazines they can donate for our project, please bring those in as well. The magazines will not be returned.

Summer Reading Challenge: For every two books you read from the lists, beyond the two that are required, you will receive a homework pass! READ! READ! READ!

TYPING SKILLS

Please work on your typing skills twice a week. At this [LINK](#) you will find a site free for use all summer. Password for all is "type", all lowercase. Usernames were sent home earlier this year.

MATH

Don't forget about math over the summer!! Students entering 6th grade must know their math facts. You will also want to review long division, decimals, and fractions before school starts back. The *Summer Bridge 5-6* workbook is a great resource. Another great resource is the Boddle app. You can choose 5th grade content to ensure your child is prepared for 6th grade material.

Have a GREAT summer! We can't WAIT to see you in August!