

Summer Skills for Fourth Grade Success

Preparing your child for the year ahead

Rachel Carson Parents! To help your child transition smoothly into fourth grade, we've compiled a list of essential skills they can practice over the summer. Being able to do these skills independently or with little adult support will boost their confidence and set them up for success in the classroom and beyond.

Key Skills to Practice

Reading & Math Readiness:

- Read and follow multi-step directions.
- Master multiplication facts (0-12).
- Basic fractional understanding.

Life Skills & Organization:

- Tie shoes.
- Use scissors to cut straight and curved lines.
- How to put papers into a file folder.
- Time Management.

Communication & Social-Emotional Skills:

- How to ask a specific question to acquire the help that they need.
- Follow 3-step directions.
- Identify big emotions and how to appropriately express them.
- Speaking at an appropriate volume for the situation.
- Basic impulse control.

Technology & Learning Skills:

- Identify capital letters and where they should be.
- Basic computer literacy (passwords, login, accessing internet, save a file in a specific location, create a folder, etc.).
- Small motor skills.
- Basic independent problem solving skills.
- Basic geographic awareness.

Making Learning Fun!

Remember to make learning fun and engaging! Incorporate these skills into everyday activities, games, and outings. A little practice goes a long way in preparing your child for a successful and enjoyable fourth grade experience.

By focusing on these key skills over the summer, you can help your child build a strong foundation for success in fourth grade and beyond. Have a wonderful summer!