



Summer Literacy Fun

Rising 5th Grade



Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful year, full of learning and fun! Our students have worked incredibly hard and have grown tremendously as learners. We are proud of all the progress they have made during the school year.

As the school year winds down, we encourage you to plan for a summer of reading with your children. Research has shown that children who read during the summer months sustain reading gains made during the school year. Additionally, it is helpful to revisit skills that may otherwise be forgotten over the summer.

Of course, summer is a time for vacations, camp, and pursuing new interests! However, we would like to provide families with some suggestions for summer academic work. In this packet, you will find:

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Again, we respect your vacation time and the need in the summer for children to play and have fun. The activities and suggestions on the following pages are recommended, but remain optional.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy summer!

The Fourth Grade Team

Questions to Prompt Deeper Thinking

Fiction

Predicting

- What might happen next?
- Look at the chapter title—what might it be about?

Inferring

- What kind of person is the character?
- What causes the character to think/feel/act the way they do?
- What alternate meanings might this part have?

Summarizing

- What are the important events and how did they affect the ending?
- If you had to tell someone what happened in just one sentence, what would you say?

Synthesizing

- How has the character changed over the book?
- How have perspectives changed over time?

Analyzing

- What figurative language did you notice?
- What is the author's message?
- What are the points of view of the characters?
- How did the author use symbolism?

Non-Fiction

Predicting

- What do you think you will learn from this book?

Inferring

- Why was the event so important?
- What might this word mean?

Summarizing

- What are the important ideas? How are they related?

Synthesizing

- How might you categorize the information you are learning?
- How have your ideas changed as you read?

Analyzing

- What text structures did the author use?
- How did features like maps/photos help you understand?
- What qualifications does the author have to write this text?

After each question, ask: *How do you know?*

Writing About My Reading

Fourth Graders used this graphic organizer to plan their written responses during novel studies this year. After providing a comprehension question, students can use this to plan their response and find specific text evidence to support it.

1. Using part of the question, write your topic sentence:

2. Write your answer/opinion:I think/In my opinion....

3. What is the evidence from the story that supports your opinion? Write specific examples:

Ex. 1:(Page#)_____


4. Ex.2:(Page#)_____

4th Grade Word Study

Students reviewed 3 main spelling rules and applied them to spelling words with suffixes throughout the year. To practice these rules, provide your child with words with suffixes. Before they spell the word, ask: *What is the base word? What is the suffix? Will there be a spelling change?*

Spelling Rules

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Wilson Language Basics

The 1-1-1 Doubling Rule

1 • Syllable

1 • Vowel

1 • Consonant after the vowel

When adding a VOWEL suffix...

Double the final consonant

cup + ed = cup^{*}ed

star + ing = star^{*}ing

When adding a CONSONANT suffix...

Just add the suffix

cup + ful = cupful

star + less = starless

Note: the consonants h, j, k, v, w, x, and y do not double in English words

The Silent e and Suffix Rule

When adding a VOWEL suffix...

Drop the e

complete + ing = complet^eing

settle + ing = sett^eling


When adding a CONSONANT suffix...

Just add the suffix

complete + ly = complet^ely


settle + ment = sett^ement

The y and Suffix Rule

 **Following a Consonant**


If a word ends in a y in an open syllable, change y to i when adding any suffix.

/i/ → criⁱes

 **Forming Plurals**

When forming plurals, change y to i and add es. The es suffix says /z/.


/ē/ → babi^ēes

 **Suffix Plus Suffix**

If the y suffix is added to a base word and then another suffix is added, change the y suffix to i and add the other suffix.

dirt + y = dirt^y

dirt^y + est = dirtⁱest


 **D Syllable**

If y is part of a "D" Syllable, just add the suffix.

play → play^dful

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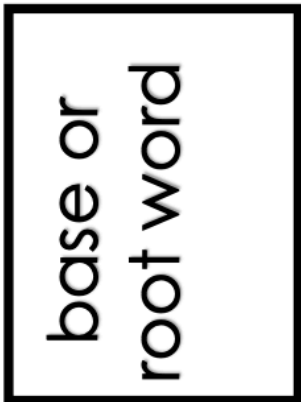
They also studied the following prefixes and suffixes:

Prefixes (a morpheme added to the beginning of a base/root that changes the original meaning)		
re-	again, back	rethink, recharge, remodel
pre-	before	preheat, predict, preselect
over-	too much, above	overlook, overestimate, overwhelm
under-	too little, below	undercook, undervalue, underground
de-	down, off, away	delete, decline, decode, defrost
mis-	bad, wrong	misplace, mismatch, misunderstand
in-, im-	not	inactive, insecure, imperfect, imbalance
il-, ir-	not, no	illegal, illogical, irresponsible, irrelevant
Suffixes (a morpheme added to the end of a base/root that changes the original meaning)		
-s, -es	more than one (noun) is doing it now (verb)	chimps, brushes, cherries, airplanes, gardens
-ing	happening now (verb)	planning, inventing, polluting, dodging
-ed	happened in the past (verb)	shouted, scored, stumbled
-ful	full of (adjective or noun)	cheerful, shameful, fruitful, armful
-less	Without (adjective)	speechless, powerless, useless
-er, -est	used to compare (adjective)	quieter, stranger, simplest, shiniest
-er, -or	one who, that which (noun)	believer, teacher, inventor, decorator
-y	what it's like (changes a noun into an adjective)	swampy, scratchy, spotty, velvety
-ly	how it's done (changes a noun or adjective into an adverb)	eagerly, silently, happily, closely
-ment	act/process (noun)	payment, movement, government, replacement
-ness	condition or state of (noun)	darkness, politeness, friendliness, emptiness
-able, -ible	can be done (adjective)	lovable, sensible, enjoyable, flexible
-ion	act/state of (noun)	collection, protection, creation, impression, explosion, confession

Put this in a wipeoff sleeve. Provide your child with a base word and a prefix or suffix (or both!). They will write them in the boxes, then write the final word below. Remind them to check for any spelling changes to the base word!



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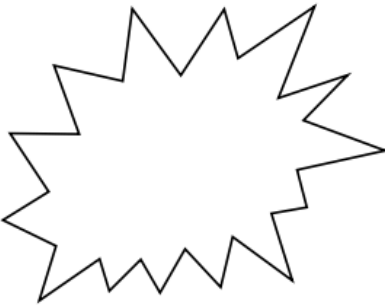


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Write a root or base as well as a few prefixes and suffixes in the boxes. Your child is then challenged to build as many real words as possible from the options provided.

prefixes		root or base	suffixes		
					
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How many words can you build? List your word sums below.

Resources to Help Your Child with Writing Mechanics

As students learn how to write, they must internalize rules for spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar so that they can communicate their ideas clearly and efficiently.



My child needs to work on using the rules for **punctuation**.

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- Have your child read a familiar story, but before he or she begins, instruct them to replace all punctuation with a funny sound. This will help children learn to look for punctuation as they are reading aloud.
- Deliberately leave out punctuation marks when you are writing emails or letters to friends/family and have your child read and add in punctuation. Just make sure you check before you send it! :)

Resources

- Punctuation puzzles, games, and drills- <https://mrnussbaum.com/punctuation>
- Fun Factory game- <https://www.abcya.com/games/fun-factory-punctuation-capitalization>

My child needs to work on using the rules for **capitalization**.

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- Provide students with a list or paragraph of completed sentences with no capital letters. Have students correct which letters should be capitalized. Sentences from books, magazines, or even comic strips can be used.
- Provide students with an editing checklist that includes the rules for capitalizations (beginning of a sentence, proper nouns, etc.).

Online Games, Activities, and Apps

- Education.com online games- <https://www.education.com/games/capitalization/>
- Capitalization Cruise- <https://www.turtlediary.com/game/capitalization-cruise.html>
- The Capital Letters Are Missing game- <https://www.themeasuredmom.com/free-capitalization-game-to-teach-capitalization-rules/>
- Fun Factory game- <https://www.abcya.com/games/fun-factory-punctuation-capitalization>

My child frequently **misspells words** while writing stories, essays, or other independent work.

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- Have your child keep a personal dictionary or word wall close to where they do their writing. Help them add the correct spelling of words and hold them accountable for spelling these words correctly.
- Familiarize your child with how to use spell-check on word processing programs.

Online Games, Activities, and Apps

- Fun Brain Spellaroo- <https://www.funbrain.com/games/spellaroo>
- Dino Bones game- <https://www.education.com/games/fourth-grade/spelling/>
- Turtle Diary games- <https://www.turtlediary.com/games/spelling.html>

My child needs to work on applying **grammar rules**, such as noun-verb agreement, when writing.

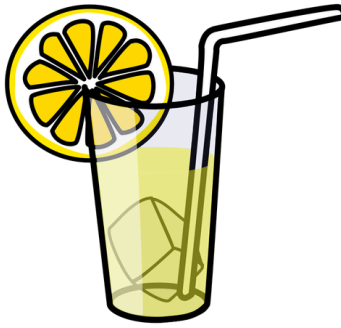
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- Have your child read work aloud and prompt errors with “Does that sound right?” If they cannot identify the error, present them with choices and say “Does it sound right this way or this way?”
- Use favorite picture or chapter books to highlight different grammar concepts (adjectives, verbs, etc.) and hold interest longer.

Online Games, Activities, and Apps

- Scholastic- 2 Ways to Help Kids Fall in Love with Grammar- <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/2-ways-to-help-kids-fall-love-grammar.html>
- Funbrain Grammar Gorillas game- <https://www.funbrain.com/games/grammar-gorillas>
- Turtle Diary games- <https://www.turtlediary.com/games/fourth-grade/language-arts.html>

Thirsty for More?

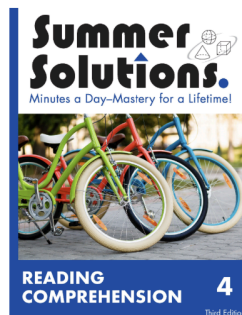


While not required, we are happy to suggest some additional summer practice work if you would like to do extra skill building with your child.

Summer Solutions Online Workbooks

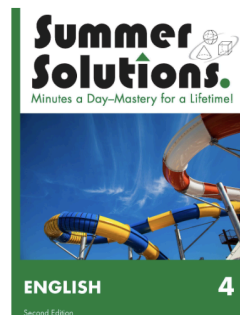
<https://www.summersolutions.net/grades/fourth-grade>

Choose Grade 4 workbooks:



Reading Comprehension 4

\$16.99



English 4

\$16.99