

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the fourth grade! This year, your child will continue to be exposed to the team teaching model where each student is assigned to a peer learning group.

In addition to completing two book reports, the students will be engaging in a variety of exciting yet challenging projects. The iPad lab will be used to conduct research on the Internet and to create projects. Class participation, organization, and responsibility are target goals which are emphasized throughout the fourth grade year.

We look forward to having a fantastic and productive year with your child in our classes. As teachers, we strongly believe in the importance of parental involvement in a student's education. Therefore, we are sure that your child will receive the best possible education with all of us working together as a team.

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team



## 4th Grade Suggested Entrance Skills

### Math

- **Master** fact families dealing with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.
- Solve basic and multi-step word problems (addition, subtraction and multiplication).
- Read current time and determine elapsed time using analog clock.
- Read, write and identify:
  - Dollars and cents formats
  - Numbers and place values up to 1,000,000
  - Simple fractions ( $1/2$ ,  $1/3$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/5$ )

### Social Studies

- Recognize and find United States on a map of the world.
- Know the names of the oceans and continents of the world.
- Recognize states and capitals of the United States.
- Use general map skills including key, compass rose, and scale.

### Writing

- Use proper capitalization and punctuation marks to write a complete sentence.
- Construct a paragraph using a topic sentence, detail sentences, and concluding sentence. Also, the student must remember that the first line is indented.

### Reading

- Read at least three books from the suggested summer reading list.
- Complete a book report for each (title page with the author's name and a summary of the story).
- Review third grade spelling dolch (sight) words.



## Our Favorite Web Sites

- [www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com) or [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com)  
Fun, interactive, online games to strengthen basic math skills
- [www.Aplusmath.com](http://www.Aplusmath.com)  
Exciting, interactive games like Matho and Hidden Picture  
Create and print your own set of flash cards or use the online version
- [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu)  
Explore hundreds of different topics on one of the world's first online science museum
- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
Play many online, interactive games in all subject areas
- [www.thecase.com/kids](http://www.thecase.com/kids)  
Solve online mysteries and play mystery games with intriguing characters and clever plots twists
- [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  
A great resource for homework helping, reading, and writing
- [www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)  
Stay up to date with the online version of the weekly classroom news magazine
- [www.nationalgeographic.com/kids](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids)  
Fun videos, activities, games and stories
- [www.coolfoodplanet.org/gb/kidz/index.htm](http://www.coolfoodplanet.org/gb/kidz/index.htm)  
Learn about healthy eating habits with cool characters and interactive games
- <http://macmillanmh.com/math/mathconnects/>  
Review chapters from the math textbook and play interactive games that relate to each lesson.
- <http://code.org>  
Learn the basic concepts of Computer Science with drag and drop programming. This is a game-like, self-directed tutorial starring video lectures by Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Angry Birds and Plants vs. Zombies. Learn repeat-loops, conditionals, and basic algorithms.
- <http://sheppardsoftware.com/>  
Practice basic facts with this fun, game-oriented website.



## Summer Bridge Curriculum

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brain Quest- Reinforces what the students learned in third grade. Jam-packed with hundreds of curriculum-based activities.

## Fourth Grade

### Suggested Summer Reading List

<i>Doctor De Soto</i>	Steig, William	3.6
<i>Double Fudge</i>	Blume, Judy	3.6
<i>Owen Foote, Super Spy</i>	Greene, Stephanie	3.6
<i>The Sweetest Fig</i>	Van Allsburg, Chris	3.7
<i>The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy</i>	Scieszka, Jon	3.8
<i>The Great Kapok Tree</i>	Cherry, Lynne	3.8
<i>Mr. Peabody's Apples</i>	Madonna	3.8
<i>Zathura: A Space Adventure</i>	Van Allsburg, Chris	3.8
<i>101 Ways to Bug Your Parents</i>	Wardlaw, Lee	3.9
<i>Duck for President</i>	Cronin, Doreen	3.9
<i>Gooney Bird Greene</i>	Lowry, Lois	3.9
<i>The Doll People</i>	Martin/Godwin	4.0
<i>The Elevator Family</i>	Evans, Douglas	4.0
<i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i>	Coerr, Eleanor	4.1
<i>7 x 9 = Trouble!</i>	Mills, Claudia	4.3
<i>The English Roses</i>	Madonna	4.3
<i>Loser</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	4.3
<i>Ruby Holler</i>	Creech, Sharon	4.3
<i>Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator</i>	Dahl, Roald	4.4
<i>M. C. Higgins, the Great</i>	Hamilton, Virginia	4.4
<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	Giff, Patricia Reilly	4.4
<i>The Twits</i>	Dahl, Roald	4.4
<i>The Word Eater</i>	Amato, Mary	4.5
<i>The American Girl Collection Series</i>	Sobol, Donald J.	
<i>Encyclopedia Brown Series</i>	Snicket, Lemony	
<i>Series of Unfortunate Events</i>	Keene, Carolyn	
<i>Nancy Drew Series</i>	Dixon, Franklin W.	
<i>Hardy Boys Series</i>	Jeff Kinney	
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series</i>		



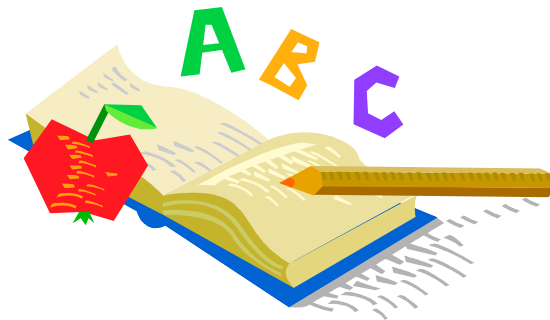


Dear Parents,

In an effort to keep our students reading this summer we have established a set of guidelines. In order to fulfill the summer reading requirements please refer to the criteria listed below. Children entering second through fourth grade have the choice to complete a book report or an Accelerated Reader type quiz, called Book Adventure, for each required book. Incoming fifth graders must complete the Book Adventure quiz and a book report for each required book. Please refer to the enclosed suggested list of books for your child to select from.

Attached is the book report format as well as the directions for registering and completing a quiz with Book Adventure. On the first day of school, your child must bring either their book reports or the quiz printouts from Book Adventure (grades 2-4) or both (grade 5). Thank you for your assistance with this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monica Vigna at [mvigna@sagemont.com](mailto:mvigna@sagemont.com) or 954-384-5454 x3402.

Grade	Number of Required Books to Read
Incoming 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 books (quiz or book report)
Incoming 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 chapter books (more than 75 pages in length, quiz or book report)
Incoming 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 chapter books (more than 100 pages in length, quiz or book report)
Incoming 5 <sup>th</sup>	3 chapter books (must complete <u>both</u> quiz <u>and</u> book report)





The Sagemont School  
Summer Reading Book Report  
(Entering 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Characters:

Character Description

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Plot: \_\_\_\_\_

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Climax and Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Book Adventure

Go to [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)

Click on: **New Users: Register Now!** (located on the left hand side of page near the top)

A new page will appear asking New User to choose

**Kids register**

**Parents register**

**Teachers register**

Click: **Kids register** This page will appear:



## New Users Register Now!

[Click here to register to play at home:](#)

[Click here to register to play at school:](#)



Click: **At Home**

Fill in all the necessary personal information.

Remember to write down your **user name** and **password** and keep it handy for future use.

Click: **Submit**

This will then take you to a screen that says

**Welcome to Book Adventure!**

Click: [Continue to Kid's Zone](#)



Bailey Bookmark will dig around and help find the book that's just right for you!



Rex Reader will help you find a book now to take a quiz and earn points towards prizes.



The Prizes you choose are up to you! Take a peek at the Prize Library to see what you can win.

These three choices will appear at the top of the page. Pick the Book Finder to you chooses a book at your grade level to match your interest. You can print out your list and take it to the library with you. You can change your search and try again to find new books that you may like more. The page will look like this.

My grade level is:

I would like to read:

I would like to read:



Select up to 5 types of books you would like to read.

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Action & Adventure     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ghost & Horror Stories        | <input type="checkbox"/> People & Places                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals                | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls & Women                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Architecture     | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Medicine             | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedtime & Dreams       | <input type="checkbox"/> History                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical           | <input type="checkbox"/> Holidays & Festivals          | <input type="checkbox"/> School & Learning                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys & Men             | <input type="checkbox"/> Law & Crime                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science & Technology             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business               | <input type="checkbox"/> Legends, Myths & Fables       | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction, Fantasy & Magic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts & Hobbies       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifestyles                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Collections          | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Situations & Growing Up   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Studies         | <input type="checkbox"/> Love & Romance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & Recreation              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairy Tales & Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries & Detective Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel & Transportation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families               | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature & the Natural World    | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funny                  |  |   |



How many books would you like returned per page of results?

You must select a grade level before clicking Submit.



After you finish reading a book, click Quiz-o-matic. Enter the title of the book you have just read. A quiz for that book will appear. Answer the questions and click submit. Once you have clicked enter, your score will automatically appear and you will see how many points you have earned.

Click on Win Prize to view how many points you have earned. You can also trade them in for prizes. Click to view prizes available and points needed for each prize. Pick one or two you would like to earn and past the number necessary near the computer or in your bedroom to help you remember to keep reading!!!

This is a very easy site to navigate. You can easily manage your account. It will automatically keep track of the books you have read and the points you have earned. Save them and earn a big prize.



## Parents:

Go back to home page and click [New User](#).

A new page will appear asking New User to choose

[Kids register](#)

[Parents register](#)

[Teachers register](#)

Click: [Parent register](#)

Fill in all the information requested and click [submit](#).

**Reports** allow you as a registered parent to view and monitor your children's Book Adventure progress. The first chart on the page lists all Readers who are connected to your account. This report lists children by their User Name, along with their cumulative score, available points, total books read, last book quizzed, score on last quiz, and date of last quiz. Clicking on a child's name generates the individual status report, which shows each book that your child has read and been quizzed on, the date each quiz was taken, and the highest score on each book quizzed.

To print a copy of your child's individual report for the summer: Go to [Parent's Place](#), Click on [Reports](#), click the **red print** button.

## Fourth Grade Supply List

### **No Rolling Backpacks!!**

Please label these items with your child's name:

- \_\_\_ 7 2-pocket **PLASTIC** folders with 3 fasteners (please see picture)  
(1 green, 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 purple, 1 orange and 2 blue) \*Specific colors are important
- \_\_\_ 1 spiral single subject notebook (wide-ruled)
- \_\_\_ 3 Composition Books (one labeled Science, one labeled PE, and one blank)
- \_\_\_ 1 rain poncho labeled with name ON THE PONCHO and bag
- \_\_\_ 2 1GB (at least) USB Flash Drives (one will be for media)\*
- \_\_\_ Thesaurus and Dictionary (desk or pocket-sized)
- \_\_\_ Paperback Atlas to use for reference at home



Please **DO NOT** label the following items:

- \_\_\_ 2 packages of 3-hole, wide-rule, loose leaf paper (100 sheets)
- \_\_\_ 1 2 inch binder
- \_\_\_ 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- \_\_\_ 3 boxes of top erasers for pencils
- \_\_\_ 2 jumbo Elmer's glue stick
- \_\_\_ 1 pack of Crayola markers (thin or thick)
- \_\_\_ 5 boxes of pencils\*
- \_\_\_ 1 **BIG** boxes of Kleenex tissues
- \_\_\_ 1 boxes of Ziploc Bags (quart size)\*
- \_\_\_ 1 box of baby wipes (unscented)
- \_\_\_ 1 large containers of Lysol wipes
- \_\_\_ 1 bottles of hand sanitizer (i.e. Purell)
- \_\_\_ 2 pairs of ear buds (NO over-the-ear headphones) (one will be for music)(please see picture)\*
- \_\_\_ 2 rolls of Scotch tape for notebooks



\* Denotes these items may be given to the Specialists