

Dear Incoming 4th Grade Families:

Today I had the pleasure of meeting with your children during our Move-up Meeting this afternoon. I'm so excited to be teaching such a curious and enthusiastic bunch! During our meeting, they read a letter written to them from a current 4th grader, they shared what they notice is similar and different from 3rd grade, and we played a 4th-grade artifact game.

Finally, much to their dismay, I gave them some important materials for summer practice and explained the expectations. I wanted to be sure to explain it to you, so you can help your child find a safe place to put them until summer officially begins.

Summer practice is mandatory. This is to ensure your child continues to sustain the skills they have in the core subjects to prepare them for a smooth transition into 4th grade. A homework expectation for 4th grade that was not in 3rd grade will be writing and typing, so journaling and typing practice this summer will help them transition to this practice. Students were informed that if they turn in their homework packets mostly completed with their journal, of which they'll be sharing one entry only, they will receive a reward.

That being said, I understand that there may be weeks your child is busy at camp, your family is traveling, or just needs a break. If your child cannot complete summer practice for any reason, please write a note at the bottom of that week's log.

Your child brought home:

- A journal
- [A packet of the "Weekly Summer Practice Log"](#) to record completed assignments
- A letter about 4th grade from a current 4th grader

Required summer practice each week:

- Writing - 3 journal entries (see insert in their journal for more information)
- Reading - 15 minutes per day (graphic novels are okay)
- Typing - 3 times per week using a typing program of your choice ([Typing Club](#) is one we've used in the past)
- Math - Practice Packet from Maggie Day (this has not gone home yet)

In addition to continued practice with skills, I believe that a strong teacher-student-parent relationship is at the core of successful learning. If possible, I'd love to build this relationship before the school year begins by scheduling home visits. Home visits are when teachers spend time with their students and families in a setting unrelated to school, typically at their home. [Here is a Google sheet](#) of the dates and times I am available to go to your home (or other desired location) to spend time with your child and family. I'm happy to stop by for a quick visit or stay for a meal. Please indicate which type of visit you can host so that I can plan accordingly. This is not mandatory, so please do not feel obligated to sign-up especially if you have a jam-packed summer. If none of these dates/times work for your family, we can find a time in the fall for a home visit to happen!

If you have any questions or concerns please email me.

Looking forward to being on your team!

Best,
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