



Welcome to 4th Grade!



Dear Families,

We're so excited to welcome your child to 4th grade! Summer is the perfect time to keep young minds active and engaged—and reading is one of the best ways to do just that. Below is a summary of the required and optional assignments to help your child stay sharp and prepare for the school year ahead.

Summer Reading Assignments

☐ Nonfiction Reading (Required):

Students will read one nonfiction book of their choice.


After reading, choose **one** response from the Nonfiction Reading Choice Board. Be sure to do your best work and give as much detail as possible.

☐ Fiction Reading (Required):

Choose and read **one** of the following novels by **Kate DiCamillo**:

- *Tiger Rising*
- *Raymie Nightingale*
- *Flora and Ulysses*
- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

After reading, students must complete the attached **Fiction Book Report**. This report will be graded, so please make sure it is completed neatly and with careful attention to **spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and detail**.

 **Please do NOT read the following books**, as we will be enjoying them together during the school year:

- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Riding Freedom* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

☐ Optional Pleasure Reading:

Encourage your child to read books of interest just for fun! Students may use the attached **Reading Log** to track all books read and complete the **Summer Reading Activity Board**.

Students who return **both** the Reading Log **and** the Activity Board in September will be entered into a **special prize drawing!** Our goal is to nurture a lifelong love of reading!

Summer Math Assignments

☐ Summer Math Packet:

This packet reviews key 3rd grade concepts including:

- Place value
- Addition & subtraction
- Graphing
- Multiplication & division
- Time & geometry

Students should continue practicing fact fluency with all four operations.

☐ IXL Summer Boost Skill Plan:

Complete the **IXL Summer Boost for Grade 4** by **July 31st**. Please note that access to IXL ends on **7/31**.

 [IXL Summer Boost Skill Plan](#)

School Supplies

The 4th Grade supply list is included below. Please make sure your child comes prepared on the first day of school!



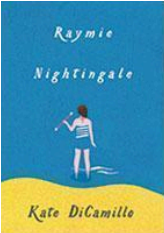
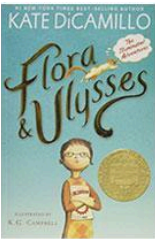
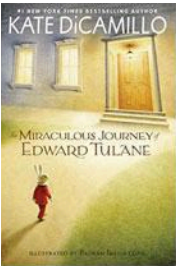
Due Date:

All summer assignments are due on the **first day of school: Wednesday, September 3, 2025**.

Wishing you a fun, restful, and book-filled summer!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Pisano and Mrs. Peña

Fiction Required Reading (Choose one)

Book Title	Author	Synopsis	Reading Level
 <p>Tiger Rising</p>	Kate DiCamillo	12-year-old Rob Horton finds a caged tiger in the woods behind the Kentucky Star Motel where he lives with his dad. The tiger triggers all sorts of magic in Rob's life — for one thing, it takes his mind off his recently deceased mother.	4.0
 <p>Raymie Nightingale</p>	Kate DiCamillo	Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.	4.2
 <p>Flora and Ulysses</p>	Kate DiCamillo	A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.	4.3
 <p>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</p>	Kate DiCamillo	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.	4.4

**** Please DO NOT read Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo as our 4th grade classes will be reading the novel as a shared reading experience as part of our 4th grade curriculum.**



4th Grade Fiction Book Report

*Please select 1 of the 4 books by Kate DiCamillo as the focus of this book report.

Your Name: _____

Title of Book You Read: _____

Author: _____

Please answer in complete sentences. Attach a piece of loose leaf paper if you need more room to write. Neatness, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization counts!

1. Setting: (Where does the story take place?)

2. DESCRIBE your favorite character in the book. List 4 words to describe this particular character (character traits) and the reasons why you chose these descriptive words. Then, write WHY you like this character.

3. Write three similarities (compare) and three differences (contrast) between YOU and any character in the book.

Your Name: _____

Character's Name: _____

Similar:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Different:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Describe the main events in the story.

Beginning:

Middle:

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8. Create a cover for your Fiction Book Report. Include the title, author, your name, and a colorful drawing of your favorite scene in the book. Under the picture, write a "caption" telling what the scene is about. Please attach this cover to the Book Report.

Name _____



4th Grade Summer Reading Log

<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Date Finished</u>	<u>Parent Initials</u>
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4th Grade Supply List

Label all supplies

2 packs of 10 - #2 pencils (sharpened, not mechanical) and manual sharpener

Inexpensive pair of earphones (that plug into chromebook computer)

(2) - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Binders (any color) - *please do not purchase binders larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch*

Pens (blue or black, and 2 red)

Highlighters (2)

1 pack of Washable Fine-Tip Markers, 12 ct.

1 pack of Colored pencils, 12 ct.

1 box of Crayons, 24 ct.

Glue Sticks (4)

Scissors

Ruler / Protractor

Post- it Notes (3 pack)

2-3 pages of labels (Avery Template 5160 works best)

4 Expo Markers

(A clear plastic pencil box will be provided)

Class Supplies:

2 boxes of tissues (square boxes recommended), 1 roll paper towels, 1 container clorox wipes,

1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Girls - Ziplock bags (gallon size) Boys - Ziplock (sandwich size)

****Special Note:** All other supplies have been ordered through Mrs. Hodgens / Becker School Supplies

