

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FOURTH GRADE

Dear Parent,

During the summer, your child should set aside some time each day to read. Encourage your child to read books he or she likes, about subjects your child finds interesting. I can't emphasize strongly enough how important it is for your child to read, read, read on a regular basis. The **New York State test** that your child will be taking in Fourth Grade demands strong reading skills.

To fulfill the minimum summer reading requirements, your child must read **at least six books** – **two required books, plus four books of his or her choice**. Obviously, the four books that your child chooses to read should be age-appropriate, and books that he or she has not read before.

TWO REQUIRED BOOKS:

<i>Shiloh</i> by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
<i>Who Was Abraham Lincoln?</i> by Janet B. Pascal
For these two required books, your child should <u>not</u> write a report; however, he or she will be tested on these books in September .

FOUR ADDITIONAL BOOKS:

Two more fiction books of your child's choice
Two more nonfiction books of your child's choice
For each of these additional four books your child chooses to read, your child will be expected to turn in a short written report on the <u>first day of school</u> in September. For <u>each</u> of these additional books, he or she should turn in a <u>single looseleaf paper</u> (with NO COVER!), listing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The title of the book• The author's name• Type of book (e.g., fiction, nonfiction, biography, autobiography)• <u>Brief</u> description (three to five sentences <u>only</u>) of what he or she liked or disliked about the books. Your child should also tell one thing he or she learned from each of the two nonfiction books.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of reading. Good readers make good students. Please make sure your child actually reads all six books (the two required books, plus the four he or she chooses) and does not simply read a summary from the book's cover or the Internet. **There are no shortcuts to becoming better readers and better students.**

Miss Corrigan

P.S. To further enhance your child's preparation for Fourth Grade, please encourage your child to participate in the optional online **Summer Fun Challenge** on the CTN website (ctnbq.org). He or she can participate in various ELA assignments from June 21 through August 23, and strive to become a CTN Medalist.

SUMMER MATH ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE FOURTH GRADE

Dear Parents,

Along with Miss Corrigan's ELA assignments, your child must also have a notebook in which they should write the times tables (2-12) EACH WEEK during July and August. Please remind them to write the date on their work. They also have to do the following:

- Log on to the website K5learning.com/math worksheets.
- Click on 3rd grade worksheets. You will see a list of topics that provide worksheets that can be printed out.
- For MULTIPLICATION, they should complete 2 worksheets (2 digit by 1 digit and 3 digit by 1 digit.)
- For DIVISION, they should complete 2 worksheets (Division facts practice 1-10 and division facts practice 1-12).
- For FRACTIONS, they should complete 4 worksheets (Equivalent fractions – color in the fraction, Identify equivalent fractions, Identify fractions – color the fraction and Identify fractions – write the fraction.)
- Answer sheets are provided for parents only to make sure the worksheets are being done correctly.

Another optional source of reinforcement is CTN's Second Summer Fun Challenge for all students in grades K-6. Your child is already registered should they decide to do these Education City assignments. Students have between June 21st and August 23rd to complete as many activities as possible and become a CTN medalist.

Please send your child in the first day of school with a 2 pocket folder. The times tables notebook should be in one pocket and the math worksheets stapled together should be in the other pocket. Please put your child's name on the front of the folder. If you have any computer or printing issues, your local public library provides both of these services for free.

I also recommend that your child spread out these assignments over the course of the summer. If they rush and do it right before school starts in September, they will not fully benefit from this important reinforcement.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Miss Gasparri