

Dear Parents and Students,

I have prepared a summer reading list for all incoming fourth grade students. They will be required to read two novels and complete one project for each novel over the summer. These projects will be due at the beginning of next school year, in August, and will count as grades.

I have also provided a math packet for each student to work on over the summer. This is a required project which will be given a completion grade in August. If your child does not know how to complete any of the math problems they may skip them. Most of the worksheets are a review of third grade material, however, there may be a few new skills.

If you misplace this material over the summer you can go online to [www.hfns.com](http://www.hfns.com) and print out the reading and math assignments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the summer work or expectations for the students' fourth grade year.

Sincerely,

Mary Reid

## **Summer Reading List and Report Options Students Entering Grade Four**

Please remember that the summer reading assignments are not optional but rather are part of the preparation for a good school year beginning in August. All assignments will be due the first few weeks of school and will count as part of the first quarter grades.

**How to Eat Fried Worms** by Thomas Rockwell

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume

(optional) **Knock at a Star** by X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy

Each student is required to *complete one project for each reading book* and have these prepared to turn in by the first week of the 2009-2010 school year.

### **How to Eat Fried Worms**

1. Create a new recipe for cooking worms. List all of the ingredients and the amount required. Describe the steps required in preparation. Finally, draw a picture of you and your friend eating this new delicacy.
2. Create a book jacket for the novel. The front cover should have a drawing which represents the book, the title and the author. The inside front cover should have a two paragraph summary of the novel, and the back cover should have a personal review of the book.

### **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**

1. Paper bag book report- Select five items which represent the novel and place them in a brown paper bag. On the front of the bag draw a picture which represents the novel and include the title and author. On the back of the bag write one sentence to describe why each item relates to the novel (total of 5 sentences).
2. Select one of the funniest scenes from the novel and create a poster depicting this scene. Be sure to include the title, author and chapter of the scene. On the back of the poster write a five to six sentence summary of the scene depicted.
3. Like Peter, many of you have younger siblings who embarrass and bother you. Write your own chapter about the trials and tribulations of living with your own younger sister or brother. This should be two to three paragraphs long and told from the first person point of view.

### **Knock at a Star** (optional extra credit project)

1. Select one poem from this book and memorize it. Be prepared to explain why this poem is special to you and recite it in front of the class at the beginning of the year.
2. Using a piece of construction paper, neatly copy down a poem from the book. Be sure to include the author's name and the poem's title. As a background, create a piece of art work which represents the poem. Use the entire page, and do not make the background white.