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Dear FBS Families,

As we close out another great school year, we want to ensure that all our valuable learning does not become a casualty to the “summer slide”. “If you don’t use it, you lose it!” Therefore, the teachers have worked hard to put together a meaningful, yet achievable, summer work packet. We know that doing school work over the summer is usually one of the last things students want to do, but we want to ensure that all the great material absorbed during the school year is retained and each student enters the new school year prepared. Research states that 2 months of reading skills and 2 ½ months of math skills are lost over a single summer. Please see the attached article for reference.

<https://www.idtech.com/blog/summer-slide-facts-for-productive-school-break>

This is a staggering statistic which is preventable. By completing this work over the course of the summer along with being sure to engage in some type of intentional learning for 2-3 hours a week, can prevent the summer slide.

Family Read Aloud:

There are many benefits to reading aloud to your child. It builds motivation, curiosity, and memory. As award winning children’s novelist, Emile Buchwald, believes “Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” Reading aloud to your child also helps reduce stress and sets children up for academic success. This summer we are encouraging families to choose a book and engage in a read aloud as a family. The students who participate in this wonderful family activity will be invited to an ice cream party in the new library the first week of school! Here is a Google Classroom page where families can share their books and you can find more information on the importance of this practice.

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzU0OTY3NDgzOTcw?cjc=copkyks>

Please complete this [google form](#) to show that you and your child have read through this information.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to a great 2022-2023 school year.

Many Blessings,

Susan Brooks

First Baptist Summer Reading Rising 4th Graders

Welcome to the fourth grade!

I am looking forward to having you in my class in August. Summer is a great time to relax, have fun, and enjoy reading good books. I am asking each student to read two books over the summer. All students will choose two books from the list provided below. For each book, there will be an assignment for students to complete. Each assignment is worth a test grade for ELA for the first quarter. These assignments will be due on the first day of school. In order for books to count towards your summer reading requirement, the book title or book from a series must be on the list below. Students will not get credit for reading books that are not included on the list. You are encouraged to read more than two books if you would like!

Book Activities

Choose two books from the attached list. Decide which book to use for each assignment. You must complete both assignments.

Book One: Additional Chapter- Pretend the author of the novel has come to you to give you the opportunity to write an additional chapter at the end of the book. Write a paper about what would happen in this chapter. These events can occur now or in future years. These events should relate to the overall plot/theme of the novel. You must include characters from the novel in this new chapter. This needs to be at least 12 sentences.

Book Two: Novel Bag- Fill a paper grocery bag with five items related to the novel in some way and five index cards. On each index card, write a paragraph describing what each item is, how it relates to the book, and its overall importance in the novel. Each paragraph must be at least 4 sentences. (A novel bag for *Beauty and the Beast* might contain a mirror, a rose, a book, a picture of a castle, and a candelabra.)

Book Choices-Please choose books that you have not read before.

Chocolate Fever by Robert K. Smith Freckle Juice by Judy Blume Frindle by Andrew Clements Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell Justin Case by Rachel Vail	The Secret Garden by Francis Burnette A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket (series) The Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene Babe, the Gallant Pig by Dick King Smith	Stuart Little by E.B. White The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl The B.F.G. by Roald Dahl Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks (series) The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
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<p>No Talking by Andrew Clements</p> <p>Ramona Quimby by Beverly Cleary</p> <p>Flush by Carl Hiaasen</p> <p>Hoot by Carl Hiaasen</p> <p>Scat by Carl Hiaasen</p> <p>Chomp by Carl Hiaasen</p> <p>Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (series)</p> <p>The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate</p> <p>Souder by William Armstrong</p> <p>Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle</p> <p>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>The Mandie Series by Lois Gladys Leppard</p> <p>The Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling</p> <p>Babe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman</p> <p>Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (series)</p> <p>Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt</p>	<p>The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate</p> <p>Redwall by Brian Jacques (series)</p> <p>Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls</p> <p>Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater</p> <p>Rules by Cynthia Lord</p> <p>Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson</p> <p>The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies</p> <p>Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren</p> <p>The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary</p> <p>James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl</p> <p>Wonder by R.J. Palacio</p> <p>The Secret Zoo by Bryan Chick</p> <p>The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall</p> <p>Hatchet by Gary Paulson</p> <p>Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine</p> <p>Ribsy by Beverly Cleary</p> <p>Matilda by Roald Dahl</p> <p>The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin</p> <p>Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool</p> <p>Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell</p>	<p>Dear America by various authors (series)</p> <p>American Girl by various authors (series)</p> <p>The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick</p> <p>The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (series)</p> <p>Lunch Money by Andrew Clements</p> <p>Map Trap by Andrew Clements</p> <p>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein (series)</p> <p>Restart by Gordon Korman</p> <p>The Candy Shop War by Brandon Mull</p> <p>The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis</p> <p>Sink or Swim by Steve Watkins</p> <p>The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau</p> <p>Lost in the Pacific, 1942 by Tod Olson</p> <p>Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes</p> <p>Esperanza Rising by Pam Ryan</p> <p>Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Curtis</p> <p>Prisoner of War by Michael Spradlin</p> <p>Number the Stars by Lois Lowry</p>
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For more reading challenges, visit <https://www.ccpl.org/>

If you have any questions, please reach out via email. saltersh@fbschool.org

Happy reading! Love, Ms. Salters

First Baptist Summer Math Requirement

Each student should complete the 5 IXL's listed below and the 5 other activities/worksheets. Your goal is to complete one activity per week. This should not be done all at once and should be spread out throughout the summer.

If you do not have an IXL account, please email Mrs. Brooks at brookss@fbschool.org

All new students will receive their account information once they are enrolled.

IXL Requirement: Each skill should be completed to 90% but the goal is 100%. If you struggle with this particular skill and spend more than 40 minutes in one sitting, stop and come back to it on another day. Be sure to read through the suggestions on IXL and if you are still struggling, look up a video to help you with the concept. Showme.com is a great site full of teacher created videos.

IXL Assignment (4th Grade iXLs)	Completion Date	Achievement Score	Difficulty- circle one
A.7- Place Value Review			Easy, medium, hard
D.4- Multiplication Facts			Easy, medium, hard
F.1- Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide			Easy, medium, hard
F.5- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division Word Problems			Easy, medium, hard
L.1- Count bills up to \$20 bill			Easy, medium, hard

5 Math assignments/activities:

Click [here](#) for summer math sheets.