



June 2010

Dear Rising Fourth Graders,

First of all, we are really excited that we will be your teachers next fall in Grade Four. Summer is just about here, and everyone is thinking about vacation. We're sure you are all excited about what you will be doing, getting some sun, and having a little rest and relaxation. Part of our summer will be spent reading as many good books as we can! Along with your other summer adventures, we know you will be doing some summer reading. We suggest reading an average of at least **20 minutes a day** as this will be the expectation when you come back to school in the fall.

While you are reading, you will actually be working on part of the summer reading project. There are ⁴ parts to this project.

1. Pick four chapter books (at least) to read this summer. One of these books needs to be a biography. Here are some other good books you might choose to read:

- No Flying in the House by Betty Brock
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- Any book by Andrew Clements
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Poppy by Avi
- Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli
- The 21 Balloons by William Pène du Bois
- Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Mr. Tucket by Gary Paulsen

2. Use the reading log to show the books you have read this summer.

3. Illustrate a map for one of the settings from a fiction book that you enjoyed this summer.

4. Fill out the biography questionnaire after reading the biography you chose to read.

Along with your reading project, it is expected that you will work on memorizing your **Multiplication Tables for numbers 1 through 11** (eg. $7 \times 3 = 21$, $2 \times 8 = 16$). It might help to buy flash cards, but you can also make your own flash cards from index cards writing the problem on one side and the answer/product on the backside. Multiplication tables can be worked on anywhere, whether you are on the subway or waiting in line at an amusement park. There are also many websites that have flash card games for multiplication.

We look forward to finding out about the books you read and taking a look at the maps you design. Enjoy your reading! We hope you have a very happy summer! We are looking forward to seeing you in Grade Four in September.

Warmly,

Mr. Rosenberg & Ms. Esler

Name _____

Biography Questionnaire

1. What is the name of the person you read about? _____

2. Why did you choose to read about this person?

3. When did this person live? _____

4. What is the person most known for? _____

5. Tell us about an important event in this person's life. _____

6. What is the most interesting thing you learned about this person?

Name _____

Biography Questions

1. What is the name of the person you read about? _____

2. Why did you choose to read about this person? _____

3. When did this person live? _____

4. What is the person most known for? _____

5. Tell us about an important event in this person's life. _____

6. What is the most interesting thing you learned about the person? _____
