



June 2008,

Dear Third 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 **3** parts to this project.

1. Pick four chapter books (at least) to read this summer. One of these books should be chosen from the list below.

- 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
- Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliet
- 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 book you enjoyed this summer.

Along with your reading project, it is expected that you will work on memorizing your multiplication tables for numbers 1 through 10 (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.

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


