

June 2020

Dear Students,

Welcome incoming fourth graders. We are looking forward to next year when you will be in the fourth grade. As part of your preparation for fourth grade, you will be required to complete the following assignments over the summer.

Writing

You will need to purchase a composition notebook, which will become your writer's notebook for fourth grade. It must have a minimum of 100 pages (the bigger the better.) The black marble composition books (**with a stiff cover**) are what we recommend, as they have worked well in the past. Decorate your notebook to represent you and what you're passionate about. This can include pictures, stickers, or other images you find online. **Be sure your first and last name is visible on the front cover along with your class (4G, 4L, or 4M).** In it, you must write 3 entries. One of those entries should be on **a topic** you know a lot about (a sport or hobby, a favorite vacation spot, an animal, etc.). One should be **small moment** stories about a summer experience (vacations, camp activities, family outings, etc.). Your final entry is your choice - it can be an essay, a small moment, a poem, a song or rap, a creative story, research about a topic that interests you, etc. Show us your creative side!

Reading

In order to avoid "summer reading setback," as explained in Ms. Schoenlank's letter, all Ridge students need to read throughout the summer. Please keep a detailed list of your summer reading on the summer reading log page, which can be found on the Ridge webpage. Include the book, title, author, and the total number of pages. We look forward to sharing your summer reading accomplishments in September.

Mathematics

Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts to maintain and grow the fact work that you have accomplished in 3rd grade. You should be able to complete 100 mixed facts in 5 minutes or less. Practice fact sheets will be given to you but you can also use other resources as you feel necessary. Try Reflex math, flashcards, computer drill games or printable sheets, or any other way you can think of to memorize your math facts. **GOOD LUCK!**

Throughout the year the class will need supplies to share. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate any or all of the following items: **Tissues, Baby Wipes, and Ziplock Zipper Bags** - quart and gallon size (freezer works best). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Enjoy the summer, and take some time out to relax and play. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teachers