

Dear Parents and Future 4<sup>th</sup> Graders,



We hope you enjoy your summer vacation, and we are looking forward to a great start to the upcoming school year. Even though we are not in school, those summer months are valuable time to keep our minds sharp, so we do not forget all the fantastic information we have learned during the school year.

Enclosed is a novel study of the book *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. We are asking every student to read this book and complete the whole packet as he or she reads over these summer months. There are various comprehension questions throughout the novel study packet. Please be sure that you are carefully reading so you can answer the questions correctly and completely. This packet will be used the first week back to school to discuss the book more in depth as a whole group, and assess individual student comprehension of the story.

In addition, we are asking that each student also read ONE of the following books below this summer. They will need to complete the "My Character Chart" for his/her chosen book, which includes drawing a picture of the character, stating the character's name, and stating any important text details about that specific character that help define who they are. Both the novel study packet and the "My Character Chart" will need to be completed by, **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Incoming fourth graders need to have their basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts **mastered** before the start of school. The fourth grade Math curriculum is challenging, and not knowing basic facts will put your child at a significant disadvantage next year. Any apps, basic flashcards, and even your child's existing IXL.com account are great tools to use over the summer to help your child with their facts. We look forward to seeing you in September for a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> grade year!

Sincerely,  
Miss Murray & Mrs. Patti

**Book Choices (Choose ONE):**

*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

*Treasure Hunters* by James Patterson

Any book from the *I Survived Series* by Lauren Tarshis

*Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

**If you need another copy of this packet,  
you will need to pick it up in the main office.**

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