



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Rising 4th Graders,

Welcome to 4th grade at St. Mark's! Summer is a wonderful time to read and write for pleasure and strengthen your foundational math skills. Rising 4th graders are able to read independently and fluently to gain new information. As writers, they independently compose multiple paragraphs about a topic using appropriate grammar and punctuation. In math, entering 4th graders are fluent in their multiplication facts up to 12, subtract and add multi-digit numbers, and solve multistep number stories. We are excited to build on these skills next year and encourage you to use these summer activities to stay familiar.

Each student is asked to read at least 3 books this summer:

1. **At least 1 book of your choice from the [Bluebonnet](#) and [HAISLN](#) list**
2. **Any picture book or graphic novel**
3. **Any chapter book**

Please purchase a spiral notebook (8 ½" x 11") of your child's choice to be used as their St. Mark's summer journal.

The journal should be divided into three parts:

- **Part 1** — Summer Reading: Make a list of the books you read over the summer and write about them. You can write about your favorite parts, endings you wish had happened, something the book reminds you of in your own life, predictions, summary, etc.
- **Part 2** – My Summer: Write, illustrate, or use photos to share your summer adventures!
- **Part 3** – I Wish My Teacher Knew... Take some time to tell your 4th grade teachers the important things about you. What are you most excited about? Do you have any questions for us? What is your favorite subject? Is there anything else you wish we knew?

In math, we ask all students to practice their skills/concepts for 30 minutes a week. Two digital tools that can assist with basic practice are linked: [Sheppard Software](#) and [Khan Academy](#). If you would like to use a [printable sheet](#) for practice, linked is a variety of problems and activities to work through. *Please note there is not a requirement to work on math daily.*

When we return to school, bring any completed math work, and your reading and writing journal. We are looking forward to seeing you in 4th Grade this August. Until then, have a delightful summer!

Warmly,

Your 4th Grade Team