

Fourth Grade

During our summer break, this will be a very fun and adventurous time for the children to continue with his/her reading skills. Reading is all around us. Activities such as vacationing, swimming, walking, or everyday routines are inclusive to reading.

While on the summer break, the fourth grade classes will have a reading list. This listing will include three (3) books. Two of these will be fun and leisure readers. The other book will be utilized as a tool for assessing the children's reading comprehension. The requirement for each book is provided below.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume:

This is a book that could be read while visiting the local park or library. Students will enjoy the reading of "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" for its enjoyment and laughter. As a class, the week of September 11th, we will briefly discuss the message of this fun reader.

Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia by Barbara O'Connor:

Another entertaining reader. While reading this inviting book, the students will learn the lesson(s) of friendship and of being a friend. The week of September 18th, during reading class, we will discuss the value of friendship as well as being a friend.

The Chronicles of Narnia Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis:

NOTE: This is NOT *The Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe* book

You will create a diorama. The diorama will include the following:

1. On two separate index cards, in cursive, provide the names of the two main characters (separated).
2. You will tape, glue, or staple the main characters' card to the left outside and one to the right outside of the box.
3. The box should be decorated before applying the index cards. The lid will be decorated and used to carry the box from the bottom. Turn the box so that the bottom of the box will become the back of the box (it should appear like a doll house).
4. On the inside of the box, divide the box into four sections with a partition to create four walls (crisscross). There should be a 1st and 2nd floor with a total of four rooms. Seal the box to the lid.
5. In the four divided sections (1st and 2nd floor), it should include items that relate to that character's scene. For each section, you will re-tell that portion of the book without reading from your notes.
6. In each section, on an index card, write in cursive one vocab word (from the book) that pertains to that section of the story. You will fasten the vocab word to the inside walls of the box (4 sides). You will discuss why you have chosen each vocabulary word.
7. On an index card, in cursive, provide the following: your name and number, the setting/location, title and author. Place the info on the front side of the box, or to the top of the box.
8. Creativity counts. When re-telling the four (4) sections of the box, you will not be allowed to read from your notes.

The project will be due the week of September 25th.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

The Fourth Grade Teachers

