Welcome to FOORTH GRADE!

We are looking forward to a great year in fourth grade! Here are some things your son can do over the summer to help us get off to a great start:

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Read often. Your goal should be 15–20 minutes of reading each day. For book suggestions, check out the 2019–2020 Texas Bluebonnet Book Nominees.

Keep a journal. Students are encouraged to start a journal or write fiction stories. Being able to express themselves through writing will encourage the boys to write for a variety of audiences and purposes. Your goal should be 30 minutes of writing each week.

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MASTER your multiplication facts. Basic facts include facts up to 12. This can be done using flashcards, online games, bingo, or any other method. If you have mastered all of the multiplication facts, start on division! Knowing these facts will make 4th grade math faster, easier, and more fun!

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If you are concerned that your son might suffer from "summer learning loss", we suggest summer workbooks offered through this website: <u>www.summersolutions.net</u>. Summer Solutions uses a proven strategy that ensures long-term retention. <u>You should purchase the 3rd grade level materials</u>.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

2019-2020 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List (sorted by suggested Grade Levels)

Third Grade

Crown: An Ode to a Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

El Chupacabras by Adam Rubin

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!) by Barry Wittenstein

The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell

<u>The Dragon Slayer:</u> Folktales from Latin America by Jaime Hernandez

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School by Julie Falatko

Fourth Grade

Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring by Angela Cervantes

Mr. Gedrick and Me by Patrick Carman

Rebound by Kwame Alexander

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech

The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris and Alec Azam

<u>Wishtree</u> by Katherine Applegate

Watchdog by Will McIntosh

Fifth Grade

Shadow Weaver by MaryKate Connolly

The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle by Christina Ussr

Sixth Grade

<u>Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams</u> by Lesa Cline-Ransome