

May 17, 2019



Dear Lourdes 4th Grade Students,

I am so excited to be your 4th grade teacher! We are going to have a BLAST!!!! Get ready, we are going to have so much fun (and learn a thing or two).

I am sure you will be busy this summer, I will be too. I am looking forward to days spent at the pool with Evie, Lilly and Vivian (my three daughters). We will also travel to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a wedding in May. We will go back to Pennsylvania in July to spend time with family again. (Pittsburgh, PA is where both my husband and I grew up and most of our families call Pittsburgh home).

But, you will need to prepare a little bit this summer to help you get rolling in August. **I challenge you, to take time this summer to read, write, and practice your math facts.** Anything you want to be good at, reading, writing, and problem solving takes practice. I believe that you can improve your reading, writing and math skills this summer by spending time each day practicing your skills.

Attached is the 4th Grade Summer Challenge. You will be awarded some great prizes based on how many points you earn. Trust me, it will be worth it. I have designed a summer reading and writing program in which I want you to challenge yourself to practice your skills. Keep track of your points on these log sheets. Enclosed is the list of reading and writing challenges you may choose to complete. Each challenge for the summer reading and writing has a set amount of points. Prizes will be awarded to you depending on the number of points you earn! You and a parent both need to sign your log sheet before you bring it back to school. It is due back the first week of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dorman

Summer Reading Challenge

Keep track of your summer reading! Below is a list of fun places to read and cool genres to try. Shade in each box as you complete the activity!



in a tent	read a comic book	in the bathtub	read a funny book	during a picnic
read a story online	on the steps	read a recipe	on the swings	read a chapter book
on a beanbag chair	read non-fiction	in a closet	read a mystery	laying on the grass
read a magazine	on the porch	read a biography	under a tree	read about animals
on a sliding board	read poetry	in the car	read an auto-biography	in a fort
read historical fiction	with a flashlight	read a fable	read to a pet	read a folktale

After Reading Activities

- ~ Create a shoebox diorama of your favorite part
- ~ Act out the story with friends and costumes
- ~ Create a comic book about the character's life
- ~ Write a newspaper story using information from the book
- ~ Cook a recipe your characters might enjoy
- ~ Write a letter to the author
- ~ Design a board game to match the book
- ~ Put on a puppet show
- ~ Draw a new cover for your book
- ~ Reread the story to a friend or family member
- ~ Write a song to match the story
- ~ Design a t-shirt to advertise your book
- ~ Act as a talk show host and interview your characters



- Read a book less than 50 pages,
 - ◊ Take a picture of you completing the above activity
 - ◊ Text the picture to Mrs. Dorman (301) 788-4838 or kim-dorman@cdolinc.net
 - ◊ Shade the box above or check off the activity– 10 points each
- Read a book over fifty pages – 20 points
- Read a book over 100 pages- 40 points
- Read a book over 200 pages -60 points
- Write me a letter or send me a postcard – 20 points

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- Write a short story at least five paragraphs long. -30points
- Visit a Nebraska City museum and write 10 interesting facts that you learned.- 30points
- Visit any museum and write 10 interesting facts that you learned. – 20pts

Prizes awarded for these point ranges: 100-190 points 200-340 points 350-490 points 500+ points

4th Grade Reading and Writing Log Sheet

Name: _____

Books I Read

Title	Author	Pages	Points

_____ I sent Mrs. Dorman a letter or postcard.(Each time counts as 20 points!) *4 times is the limit

_____ I completed the Summer Reading Challenge on page 2 (please turn in).

_____ I wrote a short story. (5 paragraphs long.) (30 pts)
 (Please attach the poems to this sheet.) *5 stories is the limit.

_____ I wrote 10 facts about a museum in Nebraska City. *5 is the limit.(30 pts)

_____ I wrote 10 facts about a museum someplace else. * 5 is the limit.(20 pts)

_____ + _____ = _____
 Number of Points Earned Total Points Earned

 Student Signature

 Parent Signature