

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students and Parents,

Congratulations on your promotion to 4<sup>th</sup> grade! As you are preparing for fourth grade for the 2020-2021 school year, please use this letter as a guide over the long summer months to prepare for the first day of fourth grade.

To be a successful fourth grader, students are expected to know a few things before the first day of school. One of those things is knowing their math facts. Not knowing math facts greatly hinders a child's ability to keep up in class. Over the summer please work with your child on their **addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts through 12**-even if you know them, keep practicing! The goal is to know them automatically without doing them on their fingers! Students can also complete the remainder of the **SBAC Purple Book**, which reviews concepts and foundational standards taught in 3rd grade.

In writing, they should be able to write a complete paragraph, with a topic sentence, detail sentences, and conclusion. A good way to practice this is to ask your child to write a summary of their day after a family outing, or to write a short summary of a book they have just finished reading. Students will be required to use Chromebooks for many of their writing assignments. Practicing keyboard skills during the summer will be very beneficial. Sites like **Learning.com** and **BBC Typing** are good resources.

Another critical area is reading, most students drop more than one reading level over the summer. We suggest 20-30 minutes of reading per day over the summer. The fastest way to become a better reader is to read. Another area of need is reading comprehension. Students need to understand what they are reading. Use the **Close Reading Companion book** to reread stories we read this year and answer comprehension questions.

One final way to help support and continue your child's learning over the summer, is to complete **iReady Reading and Math Lessons**. These lessons are available for at home use until **July 24**. These lessons are geared towards your child's needs and provide additional support to better prepare for 4th grade.

We understand that parents often want to prepare their kids for the first day of school by purchasing supplies. *Please see the suggested list of items you can purchase for your child, if you so choose.*

We hope your family has an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team

## Fourth Grade Suggested Supply List

“Our school provides all students with the supplies they need for instruction in class; however, if you would like your child to have their own items instead of sharing items with a group, you may consider purchasing...”

### Items for Individual Use:

- Cordless mouse
- Headphones/earbuds (small/compact)
- 2 regular (not fine point) dry erase markers (blue or black)
- Pencils – disposable mechanical pencils if desired
- Loose-leaf lined notebook paper The Tale of Despereaux
- 3 red pens for correcting by Kate DiCamillo (optional)
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- 3 wide ruled spiral notebooks with different colored covers
- 4 pack glue sticks
- Small protractor—4 inch
- Heavy duty plastic pocket folder-- no prongs

### Items for Donation for Classroom Use:

- Large dry erase markers – multi-colors
- Pencils
- Disposable lead pencils
- Lined notebook paper
- Crayons
- Kleenex – we are always in need of these!
- Glue sticks
- Sticky notes
- Ziplock bags, both sandwich and gallon size
- Extra large glue stick
- Mr. Sketch markers

**This is a suggested supply list. Purchase of these items is voluntary.**