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HICKORY GROVE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



RISING 4TH GRADE STUDENTS' SUMMER READING AND MATH

Dear Rising Fourth Grade Parent,

We hope you are anticipating a fun-filled summer with your soon-to-be fourth grader! The fourth grade team is looking forward to working with you and your student in August. We feel blessed that your child and your family will be a part of our school for the upcoming year.

HGCS is very intentional in their efforts to ensure all students have the opportunity to be successful; therefore, summer reading is required. Research has proven there is a direct correlation between reading and increased reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling facility, understanding of grammar, knowledge of the world, and higher scores on achievement tests. A nonacademic summer can cause students at every grade level to digress two to three months in their academic skills.

Set aside time for your student to read each day during summer break—20 to 30 minutes per day is all it takes! In the summer, students have more time to read for enjoyment, which also offers a great opportunity to preserve and strengthen their reading skills. Your summer activities should include taking your children to the public library to check out books of interest and/or joining summer reading groups.

Rising fourth graders are required to read at least one book. **Students will receive a 100 TEST GRADE in reading for completing this REQUIRED assignment.** Students who read more than one book **will be rewarded from the Chick-fil-A Summer Reading Program.**

Parents and students may choose chapter books **based on interest of the student.** All books must have **at least 100 pages and be on a 4th grade reading level.** Parents can use this [book leveler](#) to check the level of their books if it is not indicated on the book. Students will list each book read, including the number of pages and author. Parent or guardian must sign stating the child has read the book.

Documentation of the summer reading is to be turned in to the student's teacher **by Friday of the first full week of school.** Children completing this assignment will also receive their individual earned prize or prizes (coupons from Chick-fil-A). We look forward to celebrating your summer reading with a Chick-fil-A breakfast!

4TH GRADE MATH REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parents and Students,

We want our students to enter 4th-grade Math with confidence so we are recommending daily math practice for each student over the summer, just 15-20 minutes per day. We have set up your student on the website, www.freckle.com with their own class code so they can easily complete the daily practice.

Freckle is a free, fun, and an individualized way to practice math. Each section of Adaptive Math Practice will begin with a short pre-test where students will answer questions until they hit their “just right” level. After that, your child’s program will begin at their level and will progress from there. As students work the program, they earn coins and can go to the Piggy Store to purchase items within the game. Students are also encouraged to practice their multiplication and division facts daily on Freckle.

Your child’s username will be their first name and last name.

Their Freckle class code is NXWPME.

In addition to the Piggy Store on the game, I will offer rewards for time practiced, math fact practice, and individualized progress made. If you have any questions, please email me, at michelleconner@hgchristian.org.

It is my hope that just a few minutes of daily math practice on freckle.com will be fun and beneficial for each student.

We hope you enjoy each of God’s blessings this summer. See you in August.

The Fourth Grade Teaching Team



SUGGESTED READING: 4TH GRADE

- *Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott
- *American Girl* series
- *Ruby and the Book Boys* series by Derrick Barnes
- *Ivy and Bean* series by Anne Barrows
- *Fudge* series by Judy Blume
- *Flat Stanley* series by Jeff Brown
- *Ramona, Henry Huggins, etc.* by Beverly Cleary
- *Heidi Heckelbeck* series by Wendy Coven
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl
- *Dyamonde Daniel* books by Nikki Grimes
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney
- *Captain Awesome* series by Stan Kirby
- *Judy Moody* series by Meghan McDonald
- *Timmy Failure* series by Stephen Pastis
- *Big Nate* series by Lincoln Pierce
- *Geronimo Stilton* series
- *29 Clues* Series - various authors
- *DC Super Pets* - various authors
- *Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Warner
- *Stick Dog* series by Tom Watson
- Any books by Andrew Clements
- *Smile* (and other books) by Raina Telgemeir
- *Shiloh* series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Nonfiction by Gail Gibbons
- Nonfiction by Seymour Simon
- *The Borrowers* series
- *Bunnicula* by James Howe



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ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING DOCUMENTATION FOR REWARDS

Rising Fourth Grade parents, please record book titles your student reads. This completed form is required for your rising fourth grade student to receive reward coupons from Chick-fil-A the first month of school. Students who return this completed form the first full week of school will be eligible to participate in a Chick-fil-A reward breakfast.

Student Name _____

Book #1

Title: _____

Author: _____ Number of pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Cookie Coupon

Book #2

Title: _____

Author: _____ Number of pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Chick-n-Minis Coupon

Book #3

Title: _____

Author: _____ Number of pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Milkshake Coupon

Book #4

Title: _____

Author: _____ Number of pages: _____

Parent Signature: _____

8-piece nugget Coupon

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