FOURTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Dear Parents and Students,

WELCOME to FOURTH GRADE!!!! We are happy that you will be joining us in September! The following is your summer reading assignment. We hope that you enjoy reading these books and doing the activities that go with them. The first couple of weeks of Fourth grade you will be tested on and complete activities that go along with these books. Please make sure that you have a copy of each of the required books and a copy of the one book of choice that you have selected. All work is to be completed and ready to be handed in on the first day of school. This work will be your first two grades for ELA for the school year.

**Required Reading** (You MUST read the following two books over the summer.)
1. *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
2. *Mr. Popper’s Penguins* by Richard Atwater

**Projects** (To be completed and handed in the first day of school)

1. *Because of Winn Dixie* - Imagine you are Opal. Write a letter to your mother telling her everything that happened over the summer because of Winn Dixie (use attached letter form).
2. *Mr. Popper’s Penguins* - Create a diorama using a shoebox and art supplies such as pipe cleaners, fabric, colored paper, toothpicks, beads, feathers, etc. to create a three dimensional diorama that reflects some aspect or incident from the book. Students must prepare a one page typed explanation of their diorama that will be presented by them to the class. The paper must explain the meaning and importance of their diorama and the objects they chose to create it.

**Recommended Reading**
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Matilda by Roald Dahl
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
Sodako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
Pennsylvania by Ann Heinrichs
Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

Have a wonderful Summer!

See you in September!

The Fourth Grade Teachers!
Book Report

Student Name ____________________________

Title of Book ____________________________

Author: _________________________________

Illustrator: ______________________________

Kind of Book: ____________________________

Copyright Date: __________________________

Publisher: _______________________________

Place Published: __________________________

Characters: ______________________________

Problem: ________________________________

Setting: _________________________________
Main Events: (List in order the events that happened)

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Summary of the Story in your own words.

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Opinion: Write why you liked or didn’t like this book. Give three reasons in complete sentences.

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Required Letter for Because of Winn Dixie