

June 1, 2016

Dear future fourth graders and parents,

I am thrilled and very happy to be your fourth grade teacher next year. The goal of a summer packet is to challenge you to practice your math and reading skills to maintain all the great progress you made this year. First, please work online at the website Mathletics. You are registered and have been given your sign in and password at school. Your goal is to receive 4 certificates or 4000 points. This is a complete review and practice of all the math skills you will need to succeed in fourth grade. If you or your parent have any trouble with the website, please email me at [Kilroe@basilicaschool.com](mailto:Kilroe@basilicaschool.com). These certificates will be counted towards your first quarter math grade. Also, please register online at the website Xmath.org. so you can practice all your basic math facts this summer. This great website monitors and reports to myself and to you. All you need to do is sign in and use my email address ([kilroe@basilicaschool.com](mailto:kilroe@basilicaschool.com)) to access the 2016 -17 fourth grade class. Your child's name is already listed on the roster. Then use your child's access pin number one time and your child will be able to access any time after that. This is an excellent way for your child to really master their basic math facts and for me to monitor their skill level.

#### *Holding Their Ground*

*While the statistics on summer reading loss seem discouraging, there are answers. Studies suggest that children who read as few as six books over the summer maintain the level of reading skills they achieved during the preceding school year. Reading more books leads to even greater success. When children are provided with 10 to 20 self-selected children's books at the end of the regular school year, as many as 50 percent not only maintain their skills, but actually make reading gains.(Scholastic)*

Each student is required to complete the assignments that are attached for the two books assigned to read this summer. All students entering fourth grade are required to read the two books listed below and at least two more of their own choice.

1. *Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing* – Judy Blume – complete two assignments

2. *Lemonade War*- Jacqueline Davies – complete two assignments

\*\*\*(If you have read one or both of these books, please read it again or read another book from the same series.)

#3 & #4 Books of choice (*use your AR level to help you choose books of your choice*). \*\*Don't stop at four, try to read more!

Please read as independently as possible. If a book is challenging, please practice shared reading with your parents or listen to an audio version while reading along.

**The written assignments and the Mathletics 4 certificates will be counted in your 1st quarter grades.** Please remember to work consistently and be finished by August 17<sup>th</sup>. Have fun learning and enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,  
Beth A. Kilroe

Responding to



## Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing

1. Complete a character book report form that is attached for either Peter or Fudge.
2. Write a friendly letter to me – Mrs. Kilroe – about the book. Use the attached directions to guide you.

Write a friendly letter to your teacher. Make sure to include:

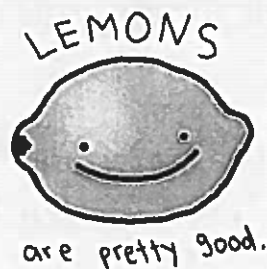
1. A topic sentence that states the book's title.
2. Two of your favorite parts so far and WHY.
3. A part of the story that reminds you of your life and WHY.
4. How the book made you feel and WHY.
5. Any questions you would like your teacher to answer. I will write back!!!



Responding to

## The Lemonade War

1. Complete the both Write About It forms attached.
2. Opinion Writing is an opportunity for you to ponder and think about the theme or message the author is trying to convey.
3. This is a chance for you to express your thoughts and feelings about the story. Who do you connect to best-Jessie or Evan?
4. Please write in complete sentence form and in your best handwriting.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# CHARACTER PROFILE

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Character \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle one)

Describe the character in the book. Tell what you think the character looked like.

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What kind of personality did this character have?

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What did the character do that you admire?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Choose one main character from a fictional book, and answer the questions below about that character.

Character Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the character's appearance and personality:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What was the importance of this character to the story?

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Fill out the form below comparing yourself to this character.

Alike	Not Alike

Did you like this character? Why or why not?

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