

May 25, 2023

Dear Future Fourth Graders and Parents,

We are really excited to be your teachers next year. We want you to be prepared for fourth grade, so we have put together this summer packet.

The goal of this summer packet is to help you practice all the math and reading skills you have learned in third grade to prepare you for fourth grade.

First, please continue to work online in **Freckle** to practice your basic math facts and skills. Simply sign in to Renaissance AR account and click on Freckle.

Secondly, each student should read the following books:

1. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing - by Judy Blume
2. Because of Winn-Dixie - by Kate DiCamillo

(If you have read one or both of these books, please read another book written by the same author.)

After you finish reading, please complete the assignments. Fill out the "Two of a Kind Similarity Circles" for one book and the "Story Sequence Chain" for the other. Please return it to us in August. Don't stop at just two books, read more!

****Students are encouraged to read both books independently, but if needed the books can be read as a Read Aloud or listened to in audio form.

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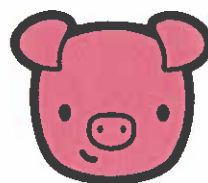
Why is this summer work so important? According to studies, we know that students can have what is called "the summer slide" occur if they do not read or practice their math skills.

"A more recent study of children in 3rd - 5th grades also showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of school-year gains in math during summer break."
-Ashley Astrew, Scholastic 2019

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Kilroe at kilroe@basilicaschool.com or Ms. Haskins at haskins@basilicaschool.com. Remember to work consistently so that you can finish it by August. Have a wonderful, safe summer.

Sincerely,

Beth Kilroe and Kristen Haskins



FreckleTM
by Renaissance[®]

Dear Family,

Your child is getting ready to transition to a summer of fun and academic growth using Freckle. This engaging online learning platform allows students to practice math at their own level. Freckle continuously adapts to each student's individual skills, so they get the appropriate challenge whether they're working at, above or below grade level. Within Freckle, your child will benefit from lessons, videos and multiple chances to continue improving their math skills over the summer.

Freckle is accessible 24/7, wherever an internet connection is available. The student logs in to Renaissance, using the same URL, username and password that they use for Accelerated Reader.

**Step 1: Log into
Basilica Website**



**Step 2: Scroll to bottom
& select AR button**



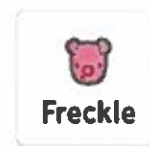
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I'm a Student**



**Step 4: Enter AR
Username/Password**



**Step 5: Select
Freckle**

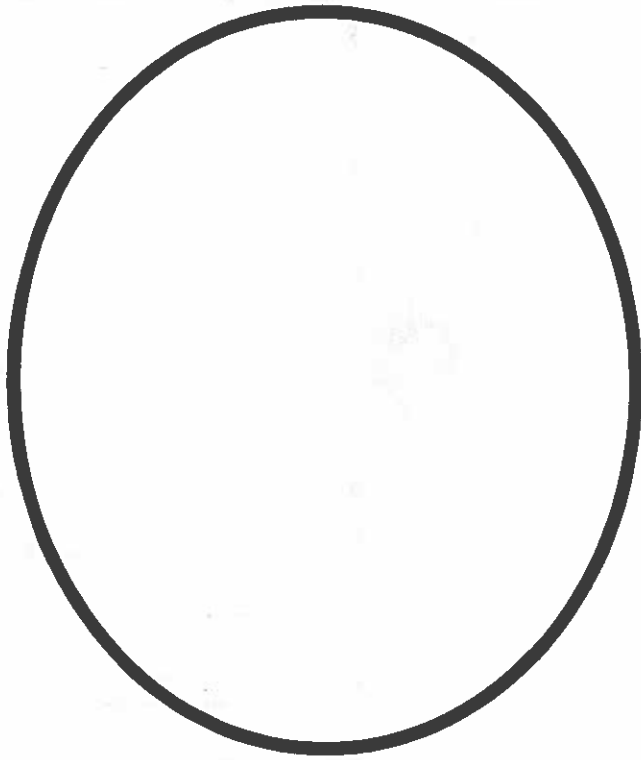


The Freckle summer math requirements are listed in the chart below. No code is needed. A new assignment or assignments will be posted each week. Please complete assignments by August 7 at Student Orientation.

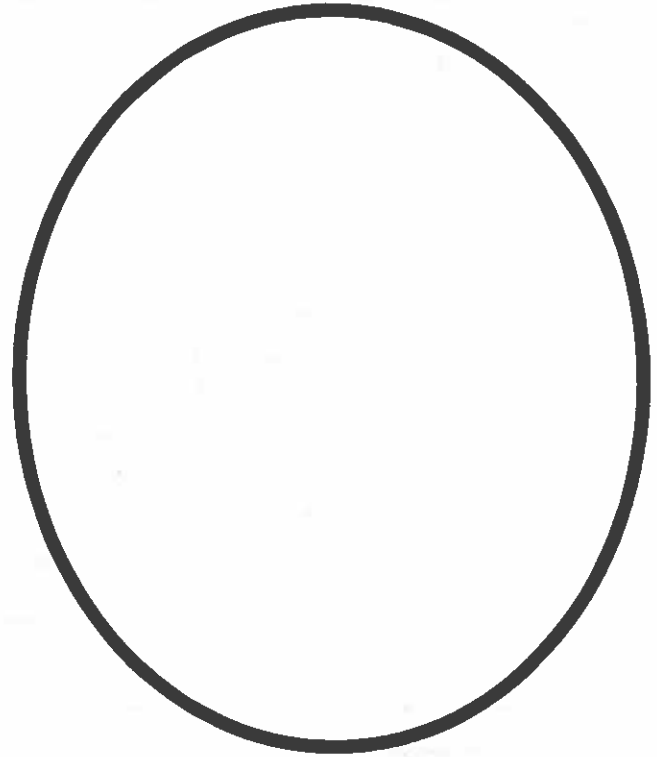
Students	Required Assignments per Week (10 Qs Per Assignment Posted Weekly)	Total Assignments for the Summer	Bonus Challenge:
Incoming 1st Grade	1 Assignment per week	Total 8 Assignments	10 minutes per day Mon - Fri (400 minutes for summer)
Incoming 2nd -3rd	2 Assignments per week	Total 16 Assignments	10 minutes per day Mon - Fri (400 minutes for summer)
Incoming 4th - 5th	3 Assignments per week	Total 24 Assignments	15 minutes per day Mon - Fri (600 minutes for summer)
Incoming 6th - 8th (High School Algebra I & Geometry have a packet instead)	5 Assignments per week	Total 40 Assignments	1000 minutes for the summer (Reward: Out of Uniform pass)

Two of a Kind

Similarity Circles



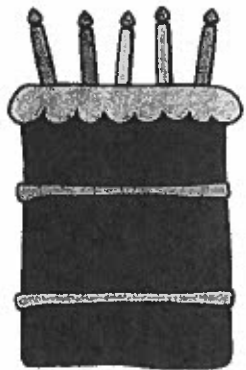
Character's Name:



Your Name:

Directions: Draw your favorite character in one circle and yourself in the second circle.
Write two sentences about each character.

Story Sequence Chain



Directions: Choose five key events from the story and put them in sequential order. In each square, draw a small picture of the event and write a label for each illustration.

Title





