

Dear Parents,



Numerous studies show that many children experience what is known as “summer slide” during the vacation months. Summer slide is a very real phenomenon, and occurs when children forget or let slide the skills and strategies that they have learned in school. Almost every study concludes that reading throughout the summer will help mitigate the summer slide. Along with reading daily, the more learning activities children have an opportunity to participate in, the better off they will be when they return to school in September.

With that in mind, I have created a calendar* for June, July, and August of suggested learning activities for incoming fourth graders to enjoy over the summer. Some activities will review previously learned skills and others will get them ready for fourth grade skills. I realize that families are busy and some days are just made to relax, so it is not necessarily my expectation that all of the activities will be completed; but if your child is enthusiastic about it, please do!

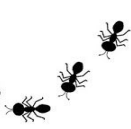
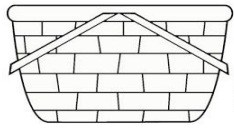
This summer your fourth grader should:

- First and foremost, read everyday. Books are wonderful, but your child might also like
 - magazines
 - newspapers
 - comic books
 - audio books (great for the whole family on long rides to vacation destinations!)
 - brochures about places you will visit
 - Be creative!
- Choose a number of activities from the calendars.
 - Definitely include some basic math fact practice (multiplication facts).
 - Try to encourage your child to complete a variety of types of activities relating to various subject areas.
 - When your child has completed an activity, allow her/him to put a sticker, an X, or a favorite color on the square.
 - Have your child bring the the calendars showing the completed activities back to school during the first week and receive a small prize!

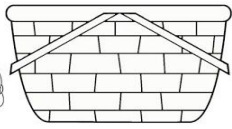
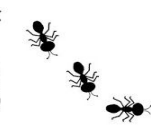
Wishing you all the very best summer vacation filled with faith, family, friends, and FUN!

Best regards,
Mrs. Tamul

*Some activities adapted from SummerActivitiesCalendarFreebie%20(1).pdf



June



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24		25	Read today!	26	Find the answer to something you are wondering about today. Use books, encyclopedias, and/or *the internet.	27	Write the steps to making your favorite sandwich. *Follow the steps and make it. Enjoy!	28	Use a ruler to measure 10 things in your home. Write down each measurement in inches.	29	How many homophone pairs can you list? Example: knew new	30	

*Whenever you see this *, you should ask a parent for permission before doing the activity.



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1		2	Read aloud for 10 min. to a parent, friend, sibling, pet, or stuffed animal.	3	Write all the X2 and X3 facts (from $2 \times 1 =$ to $2 \times 12 =$ / $3 \times 1 =$ to $3 \times 12 =$)	4	Happy 4th of July!	5	Read for 20 min. Draw a picture of your favorite event or fact.	6	Memorize this quote from the Bible: John 13:34 (Be sure to use a Catholic bible.)	7	
8		9	Write all the X4 and X5 facts (See Tuesday, July 3 for more info.)	10	Set a timer for 5 minutes. Write as many verbs as you can.	11	Read for 20 minutes. Write a summary of what you read.	12	*Practice multiplication at https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath/flashtcards/multiplication	13	Keep track of the temperature for the next 5 days. List the temps from least to greatest.	14	
15		16	*Spend 15 min. practicing states/capitals at http://www.yourchildlearns.com/mappuzzle/us-puzzle.html	17	Write a friendly letter to a character in a book you have read.	18	*Take a 5 min. walk. Count your steps. Multiply your steps by your age.	19	Set a timer for 5 minutes. Write as many nouns as you can.	20	Make up a song about a book you have read.	21	
22		23	Write 5 science words you learned in 3rd grade. Define each in your own words.	24	Write all the X6 and X7 facts (See Tuesday, July 3 for more info.)	25	Draw the shape of each New England state. Label each with its name.	26	Write a "thank you" note to someone who has been a good role model.	27	*Practice multiplication at https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath/flashtcards/multiplication	28	
29		30	Write a prayer for peace. Share it with your family.	31	Make an acrostic poem using the word VACATION.								



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						1	Read aloud for 10 min. to a parent, friend, sibling, pet, or stuffed animal.	2	Write all the X2 and X3 facts (See Tuesday, July 3 for more info.)	3	Make a list of some things shaped like each of these: triangle, hexagon, rectangle, square.	4	
5		6	Set a timer for 5 minutes. Write as many adjectives as you can.	7	Write about a food that you love using at least 3 senses to describe it.	8	Draw a picture of something you have seen in nature.	9	Interview an older member of your family about his/her childhood. How does it compare to yours?	10	*Practice multiplication at https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath/flashcards/multiplication	11	
12		13	What's your favorite outdoor place? Write a description of it.	14	Draw a map of your house or neighborhood.	15	Write all the X8 and X9 facts (See Tuesday, July 3 for more info.)	16	How many types of plants can you think of? *Use this site to make a word search. http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp?campaign=flyout_teachers_puzzle_wordcross	17	Get a deck of cards. Turn over 2 cards and multiply them. Keep going to the end of the deck.	18	
19		20	Write a 3-digit number. Then write it the opposite way. Add the two numbers. (321 + 123 = 444)	21	*Spend 15 min. practicing states/capitals at http://www.yourchildlearns.com/mappuzzle/us-puzzle.html	22	Roll two dice. Multiply the numbers. Continue several times.	23	Sketch the clouds. Do you see any special shapes?	24	Make a list of some names we use for Jesus. Example: Son of God Lord	25	
26		27	Write all the X6 and X7 facts (See Tuesday, July 3 for more info.)	28	Write about your favorite day of vacation so far. Include at least 3 details.	29	*Practice multiplication at https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath/flashcards/multiplication	30	Write a list of 10 positive things you could say to a classmate.				