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Dear Incoming Fourth Graders,

We are looking forward to next year when you will be in the fourth grade! As part of your preparation for the upcoming school year, you will be required to complete the following assignments over the summer:

Writing

You will need to purchase a marble composition notebook, which will become your writer's notebook for fourth grade. It must have a minimum of 100 pages. The black marble composition book (**with a stiff cover**) is what we recommend, as they have worked well in the past. Decorate your notebook to represent you and what you're passionate about. This can include pictures, stickers, or other images you find online. **Be sure your first and last name is visible on the front cover.**

In it, you must write 3 entries:

1. One of those entries should be on a **topic** you know a lot about (a sport or hobby, a favorite vacation spot, an animal, etc.).
2. One should be a **small moment** story about a summer experience (vacation, camp activity, family outing, etc.).
3. Your final entry is **your choice** - it can be an essay, a small moment, a poem, a song or rap, a creative story, research about a topic that interests you, etc. Show us your creative side!

Reading

In order to avoid "summer reading setback," all Ridge students need to read throughout the summer. Please keep a detailed list of your summer reading on the attached summer reading log page. Include the date finish you finished the book, the title, the author, and whether or not you enjoyed it. We look forward to sharing your summer reading accomplishments in September.

Mathematics

Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts to maintain and grow the fact work that you have accomplished in 3rd grade. You should be able to complete 80 mixed facts in 5 minutes or less by the end of 4th-grade. Practice fact sheets are attached to this letter, but you can also use other resources as you feel necessary. Try Reflex math, flashcards, computer drill games, printable sheets, or any other way you can think of to memorize your math facts. Additionally, we are sending home an **OPTIONAL** Step Up to 4th-Grade math packet. These are concepts that will be taught in 4th-grade, therefore, some of the skills may be more challenging.

Throughout the year the class will need supplies to share. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate any or all of the following items: **tissues, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol Cleaning Wipes, and quart size Ziploc bags**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Enjoy the summer, and take some time out to relax and play. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,
The Fourth Grade Teachers