

June 2017

Dear Soon to be Fourth Graders and Parents,

I am very excited about the upcoming school year. I can't wait to begin this new adventure together. Below is a sneak peek at some of the things we will be learning about in 4th grade.

Religion-We will be learning more about at the 10 Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Virtues.

Math-We will work on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing multi-digit numbers up to 9,999. It is imperative that students have their multiplication and division facts memorized.

Reading-Expository writing with main ideas, details, conclusions and generalizations is a big focus in 4th grade reading, so READ, READ, READ this summer.

Social Studies-The curriculum is about Pennsylvania so stop, look around and document any historic spots you might see while traveling around the state this summer.

Science-The curriculum includes earth science (ocean, atmosphere etc.), physical science (matter, energy etc.), and life science (human and plants).

Please bring the following supplies the first day of school.

- 2 highlighters
- 2 red pens
- 3-4 sharpened pencils
- Colored pencils
- Crayon/markers (thick or thin)
- 4 marbled, **wide ruled, 100 page** composition books
- The children may reuse their music copybook from this year. If not, they will need a fifth copybook.
- 2 extra-large book socks
- Dictionary (that fits in the desk)
- One drawstring bag for art supplies
- one 8 pocket folder (no trapper keepers)
- 12 inch ruler
- 2 glue sticks (with 2-3 more at home)
- (good, sharp) scissors

Fourth grade is an exciting, but challenging time so it will be necessary to spend some time this summer reviewing and maintaining skills. Please work on the following:

Math:

Each student must spend at least **12 hours (an average of 15 minutes a day/5 days a week) practicing math facts.** This can be accomplished by completing Simple Solution Lessons, using websites, Apps, or any combination of these. Attached you will find a list of suggested websites and apps, as well as a log to use to keep track of your time.

ELA:

For ELA you will be required to read **two** books. First you are to read Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. Once you've finished this book you are to complete the attached book report in your neatest cursive handwriting. The book report will be turned in the first day of school.

Second, you are to read one of the following: Lemonade Wars by Jacqueline Davies, Hooper Finds A Family by Jane Paley or Who Was Benjamin Franklin? by Dennis Brindell Fradin.

After reading one of the three above books, you are to complete **one** of the following activities.

****Make a model (drawn or sculpted) of a scene from the story. Attach to the model a paragraph (minimum of 4 sentences) telling about the scene.**

****Come to class dressed as one of the characters in your book. You will tell the class your version of the story from your characters point of view. You will act like the character and answer questions from your class the way your character would answer it. (The first day of school Mrs. Looby will tell you when you can come in dressed.)**

****Imagine your book is about to become a movie and you have to design a promotional poster. On your white poster, no larger than 12X18, include the title, author of the book, a listing of the major characters in the book and the actors or actresses who will play them. On a separate piece of paper write a short summary (no more than a page) about the book.**

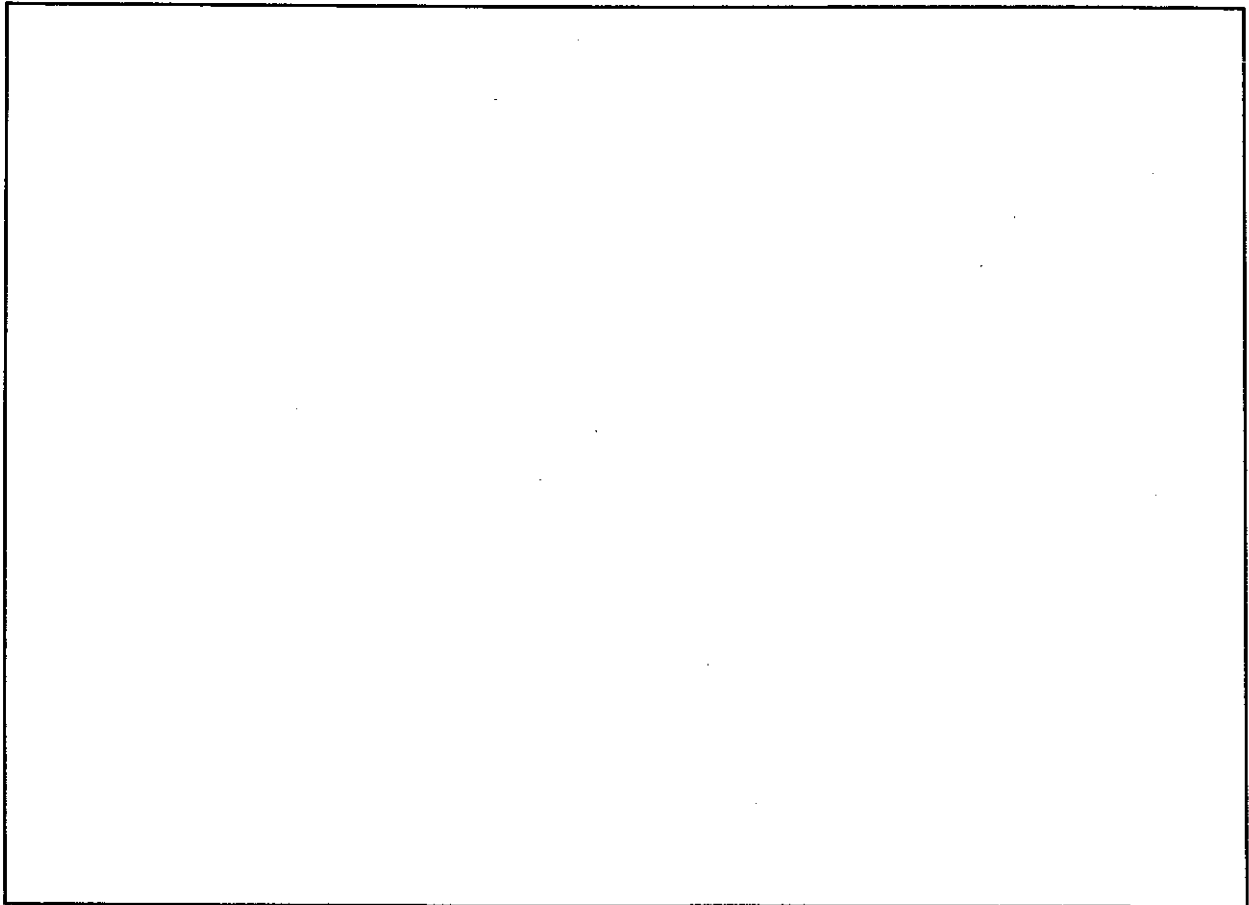
If you have any questions I can be reached by email at Mrs.looby@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a wonderful, safe, and restful summer.

May God bless you,
Mrs. Annette Looby

RATING - Rate the play on a scale of 1 to 5. Why did you choose this rating? What would you change in the story? Why would you change this part of the story?

Draw and color a scene from the story. Below your picture write a sentence telling about the scene.



K-5th Grade Summer Math Review

*Don't let summer go by without reviewing math skills!!!!

*Utilize any of the websites below to help review:

- nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html
- www.funbrain.com
- www.IXL.com
- www.hoodamath.com

*Apps to review math skills:

- Jungle Time
- King of Math
- Sushi Math (Grades 3-5)
- Tap Times Table (Grades 3-5)

Students must complete at least 12 hours of math review.

