

Sweetwater Elementary Summer Guide (Upcoming 4th Grade Students)

As our students leave for summer break, we wanted to share some ways that parents can continue to support their child in math and reading while they are away from school. Most students fall behind over the summer and forget skills they have been taught. Here are some ways to help your child be prepared for fourth grade.

Reading & Writing

One of the easiest ways to support your child over the summer is to have them continue to read for at least 20 minutes a day. Ask them to:

- Describe the characters, plot, and setting of the story to you.
- Summarize (retell) what has happened in the story/text so far.

Another easy way to support your child in writing this summer to have them write regularly. You could have your child write about summer experiences in a journal and share their writing with you and bring it to school to share with their 4th grade teacher. (Helpful Hint: On their journal entry have your child include the title and date.) Illustrations are optional.

Check as completed.

Read 2 non-fiction books.

Read 2 fiction books.

Read more than 4 books.

Write weekly journal entries.

Math

Listed below are a few examples of math topics that you may work on with your child in preparation for the challenges of 4th grade.

Continue practicing math facts. (Addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division)

Identifying place value up to the hundred-thousands' place.

Practice telling and writing time.

Additional Resources

Sweetwater Public Library's Summer Reading Program (June 6, 13, 20, 27)

<https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/academic-standards/english-language-arts-standards.html>

<https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/academic-standards/mathematics-standards.html>

<https://www.splashmath.com/>

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Suggestions for Summer Reading (Optional)



If you like **funny books**, you'll love:

- *Doodle Adventures: The Search for Slimy Space Slugs!* by Mike Lowery
- *Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel
- *Myth-O-Mania* by Kate McMullan
- *Lunch Lady* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- *Wayside School* by Louis Sachar
- *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John

If you like **realistic stories**, you'll love:

- *The Year of . . .* by Andrea Cheng
- *Ellie, Engineer* by Jackson Pearce
- *The Kicks* by Alex Morgan
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows
- *The Vanishing Coin (Magic Shop Series)* by Kate Egan and Mike Lane
- *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

If you like **adventure and mystery books**, you'll love:

- *I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Diary of a Minecraft Zombie Book 1: A Scare of a Dare* by Herobrine Books

- *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart* by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
- *The Great Shelby Holmes* by Elizabeth Eulberg
- *Zoo Camp Puzzle* by Gail Herman

If you like **animal books**, you'll love:

- *Jenny and the Cat Club* by Esther Averill
- *The Critter Club* by Callie Barkley and Marsha Riti
- *Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen* by Candace Fleming
- *Dolphin Rescue (Animal Planet Adventures #1)* by Catherine Nichols
- *The Rescue Princesses* by Paula Harrison
- *Puppy Place* by Ellen Miles

If you like **fantasy books**, you'll love:

- *The Misadventures of Salem Hyde Spelling Trouble* by Frank Cammuso
- *The Dragonsitter* by Josh Lacey
- *Of Giants and Ice* by Shelby Bach
- *Whatever After* series by Sarah Mlynowski
- *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures* by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater