

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Fourth Grade Students,

Did you know that when kids read over the summer they are likely to leap ahead when they head back to school? It's called the "Summer Leap," and our school has made it a priority to keep our students' skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

Please visit: <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/keep-kids-reading-all-summer-long> and click "Books for All Ages"

Reading Assignment

It is recommended that students read a minimum of 30 minutes per day, each day over the summer. Please take the time to help your child foster a love for reading by helping them choose books, read with them, read the same book and having conversations about it, and listen to them read.

Writing Assignment

We also ask that all incoming students complete a writing assignment and return it to school on the first day. The assignment is as follows:

- Write a letter to your new fourth grade Literacy teacher. You may address it as:
Dear Mrs. Estrela and Mrs. Pascarella,
- Include 3 paragraphs:
 - One paragraph introducing yourself and including what your favorite books to read are.
 - A second paragraph talking about your favorite hobbies.
 - A third paragraph telling us something you would like us to know about you. (your family, something special about you, etc.)
- Close your letter by signing your first and last name.

We are looking forward to having your child in our classes next school year. Have a wonderful summer!

~Mrs. Estrela & Mrs. Pascarella~