

# Summer Activities to Prepare for 4th Grade Language Arts:

The best thing you can do to get ready for 4th grade **reading is to read, read; and read some more!**

Here are some excellent books to read to prepare you for 4th grade:

- **A Taste of Blackberries** by Delores Buchanan Smith
- **Because of Winn Dixie** by Katie DiCamillo
- **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl
- **Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White
- **Dear Mr. Henshaw** by Beverly Cleary
- **Everything on a Waffle** by Polly Horvath
- **Felita** by Micholasa Mohr
- **Frindle** by Andrew Clements
- **Fudge-A-Mania** by Judy Blume
- **How to Eat Fried Worms** by Thomas Rockwell
- **Lady Lollipop** by Dick King Smith
- **Marley, A Dog Like No Other** by John Grogan
- **Midnight Fox** by Betsy Byars
- **Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater
- **Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan
- **Schoolyard Rhymes: Rhymes for Rope Skipping, Hand Clapping, Ball Bouncing, and Just Plain Fun** by Judy Sierra
- **Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- **Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Louis Sachar
- **Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner
- **Summer Ball** by Mike Lupica
- **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume
- **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** by Barbara Robinson
- **The Cabin Faced West** by Jean Fritz
- **The Further Adventures of Hank the Cowdog** by John R. Erickson
- **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo
- **The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog** by John R. Erickson
- **The People Could Fly** by Virginia Hamilton
- **The Trolls** by Polly Horvath
- **There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom** by Louis Sachar
- **To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers** by Wendie C. Old
- **Wayside School Boxed Set** by Louis Sachar

## **After Reading Ideas:**

- After you read each novel, write a quick book review on a sheet of paper. Tell me if you liked the book, what it was about, and why you would or would not recommend to a friend

# summer writing:

Create your "summer journal". Use the following prompts to write stories this summer:

- My life would be different if I'd never met...
- One place in the world I really want to go is...
- I'm really good at \_\_\_\_\_, even though no one would believe it...
- I want to be famous for...
- No one can make me.....
- My best memory I have with my uncle or aunt is.....
- The favorite summer activity my family does together is.....
- I keep cool in the summer by.....

**REMEMBER: The most important thing to do over the summer is to have fun!!!!!! I STRONGLY SUGGEST READING AT LEAST 20 MINUTES A DAY, AND PRACTICING YOUR MULTIPLICATION FACTS.**