



VIRGINIA BEACH  
FRIENDS SCHOOL

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## **Rising 4th Grade Summer Enrichment 2021**

### **Expected Literacy and Math Enrichment Activities**

When it comes to summer, reading may not be the first thing—or even in the top ten things—kids have in mind! But reading can be the ideal summer activity. It's fun, portable, can involve the whole family, and will help your child academically.

The fourth-grade book list suggests reading books for pleasure. I hope that you will make it a goal to read all summer long. Please print off the Summer Reading Log and list any books that you enjoyed this summer. You are encouraged to use the list below, or read any book that is on your reading level (or above) that is a chapter book. I would like you to read as many books as you can and hope your reading takes you on fun journeys to exciting places. Return your reading log to class on the first day of school. Enjoy! -Dafna

Two super websites for children and their parents to learn more about books, take quizzes, and play games are: [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) and [www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)

**Favorite books for 4th graders**

**The Contest: Everest #1** by: *Gordon Korman*

**The Cricket in Times Square** by: *George Selden*

**The Misadventures of Maude March** by: *Audrey Couloumbis*

**Crickwing** by: *Janell Cannon*

**The Quest Begins: Seekers #1** by: *Erin Hunter*

**Beezus and Ramona** By: *Beverly Cleary*

**Chronicles of Prydain #01: The Book of Three** by: *Lloyd Alexander*

**The Great Brain** by: *John D. Fitzgerald*

**James and the Giant Peach** by: *Roald Dahl*

**Jumanji** by: *Chris Van Allsburg*

**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** by: *Eleanor Coerr*

**Shiloh** by: *Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*

**Bone #1: Out From Boneville** by: *Jeff Smith*

**The Boy Who Painted Dragons** by: *Demi*

**The Gruesome Guide to World Monsters** by: *Judy Sierra*

**The Mistmantle Chronicles Book One: Urchin of the Riding Stars**

**The Trouble With Wishes** by: *Diane Stanley*



## Summer Math Practice for Rising Fourth Grade Students

The purpose of summer math practice is to provide students an opportunity to stay engaged in mathematics over the summer and reinforce the necessary skills for the upcoming school year.

0-12 multiplication and division facts is a key component of 4th grade math. Please devote several times a week to practice these facts for automatic recall. The 0-12 times tables should be fully memorized by the start of the fourth grade school year.

Please use this list of math websites and games for math practice.

### Websites:

- IXL Math Sheppard Software ArcAdemics Math Playground Kids Numbers
- Cool Math 4 Kids
- Cool Math ABCya Plus Math AAA Math Hooda Math PBS Kids Fun Brain

### Card Games:

- Crazy 8's
- Top It
- Go Fish
- Solitaire
- Uno
- Skipbo

- Jenga

### Board Games:

- Monopoly
- Parcheesi
- Yahtze
- Battleship
- Chess
- Checkers
- Connect Four
- Rush Hour

Here are some additional activities to reinforce math skills in a fun way:

- Round and estimate prices at the grocery store.
- Use newspapers and magazines as sources of tables and graphs that your child may read and discuss with you.
- Use advertisements to discuss discounts and sale price items. What's the best to buy?
- Reinforce addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. An effective way to do this is through games. The games work best when kids and grown-ups are playing together. Ask your children to explain how they came up with the answer. It is great practice to have them verbalize strategies that they used to figure out an addition or subtraction problem.
- Practice estimating to develop measurement sense: Try estimating the number of windows in your house-then count and see. How about pairs of shoes? Can you make an "educated guess"? Do you have

personal benchmarks to help you decide when something is about an inch or a foot long? How many pounds is that watermelon? How heavy is your neighbor's dog?

## Summer Enrichment Options from the Library

### Library Book Recommendations:

- **“Walk Two Moons”** by Sharon Creech. This Newbery-winning title is the story of Salamanca (who goes by Sal because really, who would go by Salamanca?) and her car trip with her grandparents to find her mother who has been gone a year. To pass the time, Sal tells her grandparents the story of her friend Phoebe Winterbottom, whose mother disappeared one summer.
- **“The Unwanteds”** by Lisa McMann. In Quill, where creative children are sent to their deaths, Alex is delighted to discover that the Death Farm is actually a hidden oasis for children to learn how to do magic and increase their creative abilities. Of course, everyone knows that there is a possibility that someday a battle between Quill and the invisible magic world will erupt and, if it does, the Unwanteds must be ready to defend themselves. It's a Harry Potter meets the Hunger Games, but perfectly written for a younger audience.
- **“Flora & Ulysses”** by Kate DiCamillo. Tells the story *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* is a children's novel by American author Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by K.G. Campbell, published in 2013 by Candlewick Press. It tells the story of Flora Belle and a squirrel named Ulysses.

### Summer Reading Programs:

- Scholastic Summer Read-a-Palooza: Go to [Scholastic.com/homebase](https://www.scholastic.com/homebase) and create an account for your child. Scholastic Home Base is a fun, safe, and completely free online destination where kids can create their own avatar, interact with their favorite Scholastic characters, play games, and read books! .
- Virginia Beach Public Library Summer Reading Challenge: to log your reading go to [https://vbpl.beanstack.com/users/sign\\_in](https://vbpl.beanstack.com/users/sign_in) and register. Participate in weekly enrichment activities to keep your brain sharp through fun activity badges. Each week, readers that complete 3 activities will unlock the activity badge and be entered to win coupons to food venues that offer drive-through or takeout. The coupons will be mailed to each winner's home until the Library buildings reopen.