



Summer Bridge to 4th Grade

Dear Parents,

It's summer! This year has flown, and your child has accomplished so much! Summer breaks are great...time to vacation, relax, and enjoy the sunshine. But they also provide plenty of time to forget the skills gained during the school year. For that reason, we want to help you keep your child's skills optimal for fourth grade.

Within this packet are details about summer work that may be turned in to your child's fourth grade teacher for a homework grade at the beginning of the year. Although the work is not mandatory, your child will have a tremendous advantage because of skills that are mastered and reinforced through summer practice.

Have a wonderful summer,

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LANGUAGE ARTS

Please have your student read for 30 minutes at least three times a week. Choose chapter books that are on an end of 3rd grade or beginning of 4th grade reading level. Having students read both silently and aloud will benefit reading fluency as well as comprehension. Included in this packet, you will find a reading log to keep track of books each month. You may want to use a spiral notebook to keep a fun journal where students can write about the book as well as their summer experiences.

To prepare for next year's grammar lessons, please review the following parts of speech with your child: noun, pronoun, adjective, adverb, preposition, and object of preposition. Students also should be familiar with the following types of sentences: declarative (a statement), interrogative (a question), exclamatory (ends in an exclamation point), and imperative (a command). Have your child identify these parts of speech and types of sentences for you in summer reading books, or write sentences demonstrating the parts of speech and sentence types.

Handwriting can be practiced by visiting www.superteacherworksheets.com to print free worksheets. Or, your child may choose to write in cursive in a spiral notebook about trips, adventures and summer fun. What a great memento of the summer.

Homework Grade: Turn in your reading logs for a homework grade next year.

Math – New Students

If your family is new to Legacy, welcome! Your child will be taking a placement test to determine which math class will best meet his or her needs. Your child either will be taking Saxon Math 4 or Saxon Math 5.

Saxon 4

If your child is placed in Saxon Math 4, please visit the following web site and review the concepts from 3rd grade as needed with your child. If you prefer, you may choose to purchase a 3rd grade math workbook at a teacher supply store and review concepts as needed to prepare for 4th grade math. Some sell workbooks specifically designed for summer practice. Please also review math facts over the summer! It's important to review addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts to get ready for the school year. A great way to get a jump-start on multiplication facts is to start listening to the CD, *Multiplication Unplugged*, as soon as you receive it this summer when you order books. It is part of the required curriculum for Saxon Math 4.

Visit the following site and click on the printable study guide for Grade 3 Mathematics, or scroll all the way to the bottom under the chart to access interactive study guides. Even though we don't use the TAKS test at Legacy, this site provides great explanations of standard skills taught in 3rd grade math and will help your child prepare for Saxon 4. <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/taks/study-guides/>

Homework grade: Turn in the Fact Practice Log included in this packet and any completed workbook pages or printed online activity pages, showing that your child reviewed important concepts, for a homework grade next year.

Saxon 5

If your child is placed in Saxon Math 5, please visit the following web site and review the concepts from 4th grade as needed with your child. If you prefer, you may choose to purchase a 4th grade math workbook at a teacher supply store and review concepts as needed to prepare for 5th grade math. Some sell workbooks specifically designed for summer practice. Please also review math facts over the

summer! It's important to review addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts to get ready for timed tests next year.

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Homework grade: Turn in the Fact Practice Log included in this packet and any completed workbook pages or printed online activity pages, showing that your child practiced important concepts, for a homework grade next year.

Math – Returning Students

If your child was in Mrs. Railey's Saxon 4 math class last year, please see the Summer Bridge packet that was given to you by Mrs. Railey at the end of the year.

Homework grade: Turn in the Extended Response worksheets and the Fact Practice Log for a homework grade next year.

Math Fact Practice Online Resources

- ❑ www.multiplication.com
- ❑ Multiplication Mystery
<http://www.hbschool.com/activity/mult/mult.html>
- ❑ Subtracting to Win a Million
<http://www.quia.com/rr/10279.html>
- ❑ Subtraction Machine
<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/subtractiontest.html>
- ❑ Single-Digit Subtraction Game
<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/SumSense/sumsub.html>
- ❑ Who Wants to be a Mathionaire? (addition facts game)
<http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/mathionaire-addition-quiz.html>
- ❑ Basic Math Fact Games
<http://funschool.kaboose.com/>
- ❑ Basic Facts Math Quizzes
<http://www.kidzone.ws/math/quiz.html>



Summer Math Fun

Trip planning – Let your kids help make price comparisons between possible destinations and activities. Creating a budget can involve calculating mileage, fuel costs, and other expenses. While on the road, let your kids calculate travel times and estimate arrival times.

Chores and money – Encourage your kids to try the envelope system. Give them each four envelopes – one for giving to the church, one for saving, one for giving gifts to others, and one for spending. Money earned must be divided among the envelopes according to agreed-upon percentages. You'll be teaching stewardship and financial responsibility.

Reading and math – As you read books and stories, discuss characters' uses of money and how they could have made better choices. Story books that relate to math can be checked out at the library. Ask your librarian for assistance or search the Internet for concept-related books.

Meal planning and preparation – Let your kids use their calendar skills by helping plan the family's meals for the week or month. Have them help you grocery shop, figuring out quantities and finding the best prices on items. Then, let them help you prepare the meals by measuring ingredients, following cooking times, and dividing portion amounts.

Games – Many that specifically practice math skills may be found at teacher supply stores, but you also can practice math skills with games you already have at home. When you're outside, use sidewalk chalk to play hopscotch math, make graphs, construct angles, and draw geometric shapes. Toss a ball and skip count or count by multiples with each throw.

Readers achieve!



Reading Calendar Log June 2011

Guideline # 1: **Enjoy reading** your book!

Guideline # 2: Record the number of minutes you read EACH day on the calendar. You must read a minimum of 30 minutes each Week.

Guideline # 3: A parent signature is required each week.

Guideline # 4: Keep this calendar in a Summer Work Folder to turn in for a homework grade next year!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Parent Signature
		1 Minutes Read _____	2 Minutes Read _____	3 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
6 Minutes Read _____	7 Minutes Read _____	8 Minutes Read _____	9 Minutes Read _____	10 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
13 Minutes Read _____	14 Minutes Read _____	15 Minutes Read _____	16 Minutes Read _____	17 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
20 Minutes Read _____	21 Minutes Read _____	22 Minutes Read _____	23 Minutes Read _____	24 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
27 Minutes Read _____	28 Minutes Read _____	29 Minutes Read _____	30 Minutes Read _____	Parent Signature _____

Genre: **Choose Any Genre**

Book Title: _____ Book Title: _____

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				1 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
4 Minutes Read _____	5 Minutes Read _____	6 Minutes Read _____	7 Minutes Read _____	8 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
11 Minutes Read _____	12 Minutes Read _____	13 Minutes Read _____	14 Minutes Read _____	15 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
18 Minutes Read _____	19 Minutes Read _____	20 Minutes Read _____	21 Minutes Read _____	22 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____
25 Minutes Read _____	26 Minutes Read _____	27 Minutes Read _____	28 Minutes Read _____	29 Minutes Read _____ Parent Signature _____

Genre: **Choose Any Genre**

Book Title: _____ Book Title: _____

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Reading Calendar Log

August 2011

Guideline # 1: **Enjoy reading** your book!

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