



Parents of Rising Kilby Fourth Graders:

Your child is now officially considered one of the "big kids" at our school. This class will be role models for all the Kilby primary grade students. With that in mind, we will work hard in fourth grade to earn the respect of our schoolmates, parents, family, and friends.

Summer is a golden opportunity to learn new things from trips to the public library, trips to see relatives that live out of town, or trips to historical sites right in our own "back yard." As your child's teacher, I am expecting each fourth grader keep brushed up on school skills so we can have a super beginning to a spectacular school year. I am sending home a purple reading book that is loaded with good stories. Please have your child pick at least one story each week to read to you or with you for fluency practice. The book mark will help keep track of stories read. This book and bookmark will be turned in the first day of school, so please keep track of the yellow bookmark.

Math facts can be tricky. The easiest indicator of success in fourth grade math is whether or not one has the addition, subtraction, and multiplication math facts *memorized*. My best suggestion is perhaps the most mundane...flashcards! I know, I know—but it makes a HUGE difference in their success as a mathematician. Please work on math facts this summer. Flashcards can be homemade or purchased for about \$4.00. There are also computer programs that provide students practice on these facts. The 2010-2011 school year will begin with timed testing of their math facts.

We will be having a class **Information Meeting/PARTY** on **MONDAY, AUGUST 9 at 7:00-8:15 PM** in the fourth grade classroom. The party is designed to meet our new class members and their parents. We'll also talk about procedures that will help the first day of school go smoothly. If students would like to bring school supplies to the party, it may make the first day less hectic. Our gathering is for Kilby fourth graders and parents only, no siblings please.

Summer is a time to change pace a little, stay up later, sleep in later, and perhaps take time to travel. I hope this summer is everything you are looking forward to!

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