

Sacred Heart School

SUMMER PREPARATION FOR INCOMING FOURTH GRADERS

Dear incoming fourth grade students,

I hope you enjoy your time in the great outdoors and with your family and friends this summer. I imagine you have many plans. To keep your academic skills sharp while you are away from school, I am asking for a little of your time to complete the assignments which I have outlined below. You will have the opportunity to share your work when you return to school. I look forward to seeing you at the start of the new school year. Have a fun and safe summer!

God bless,

Mrs. Pidgeon

READING

Historical fiction: Required

"Riding Freedom" by Pam Nunoz Ryan a fast-paced, courageous, and inspiring story that takes place in the mid-1800's. This story is about a girl orphan who, against all odds - through hardships and determination, figured out a way to live her life the way she wanted.

Before reading make a prediction for the story.

While reading please complete the 2-sided graphic organizer (attached) on facts and thoughts/opinions for the beginning, middle and end of the story. On one side, list a fact from the story. Across from the fact, write your own thoughts and opinions about the fact. You should strive for no less than 6 examples for each (facts and thoughts/opinions) spread throughout the story. You are welcome to make a copy of the graphic organizer and do more than 6 if it helps you keep track of events.

After reading, please complete the story quilt as described below:

Directions for the Riding Freedom Quilt:

1. In the diamond shape, draw and color a picture of where you feel most free.
2. Under the picture, write a sentence(s) describing the illustration.
3. In the lower right corner, write your name, grade, room and date.
4. In the remaining three corners, illustrate and color three important events from Riding Freedom. Include a caption.
5. Cut the square outside the heavy black lines.

Be prepared to share your quilt with the class.

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Non-fiction reading: Required

Our Country's Regions is a year-long theme in grade four. Please, choose and read one non-fiction book on **1 of the 50** states in our country. Be prepared to share facts and answer questions aloud about the state you choose when you return to school in September. No report is required, and you may bring in your book.

Writing: Suggested/Optional

Keeping a diary or a journal over the summer can help keep your writing skills fresh. Using cursive can improve your handwriting skills. You will have the option of sharing with the class or sharing with the teacher if you choose to.

Math: Suggested/Optional

Practicing your math facts through games and everyday activities will help keep your math skills up to date. Some fun things you can do include, playing math games, keeping score sheets, making graphs and charts, and playing flashcard games. *You will use your basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, often in combination, as steps in solving larger math problems.*

Riding Freedom

Graphic Organizer

Story Facts	Thoughts and Opinions