

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

Fiction: Required

"Because of Winn-Dixie"

Opal Buloni and her preacher dad move to Naomi, Florida from Watley, Florida. Even though it's a new place, ten-year-old Opal isn't happy about it. She misses her friends, her home, and her mother who left her when she was a little girl. Life is awful. But all that is about to change. Opal unexpectedly makes a new furry friend at the Winn-Dixie grocery store. She takes the stray dog home, and life is never the same.

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. Include at least 6 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:

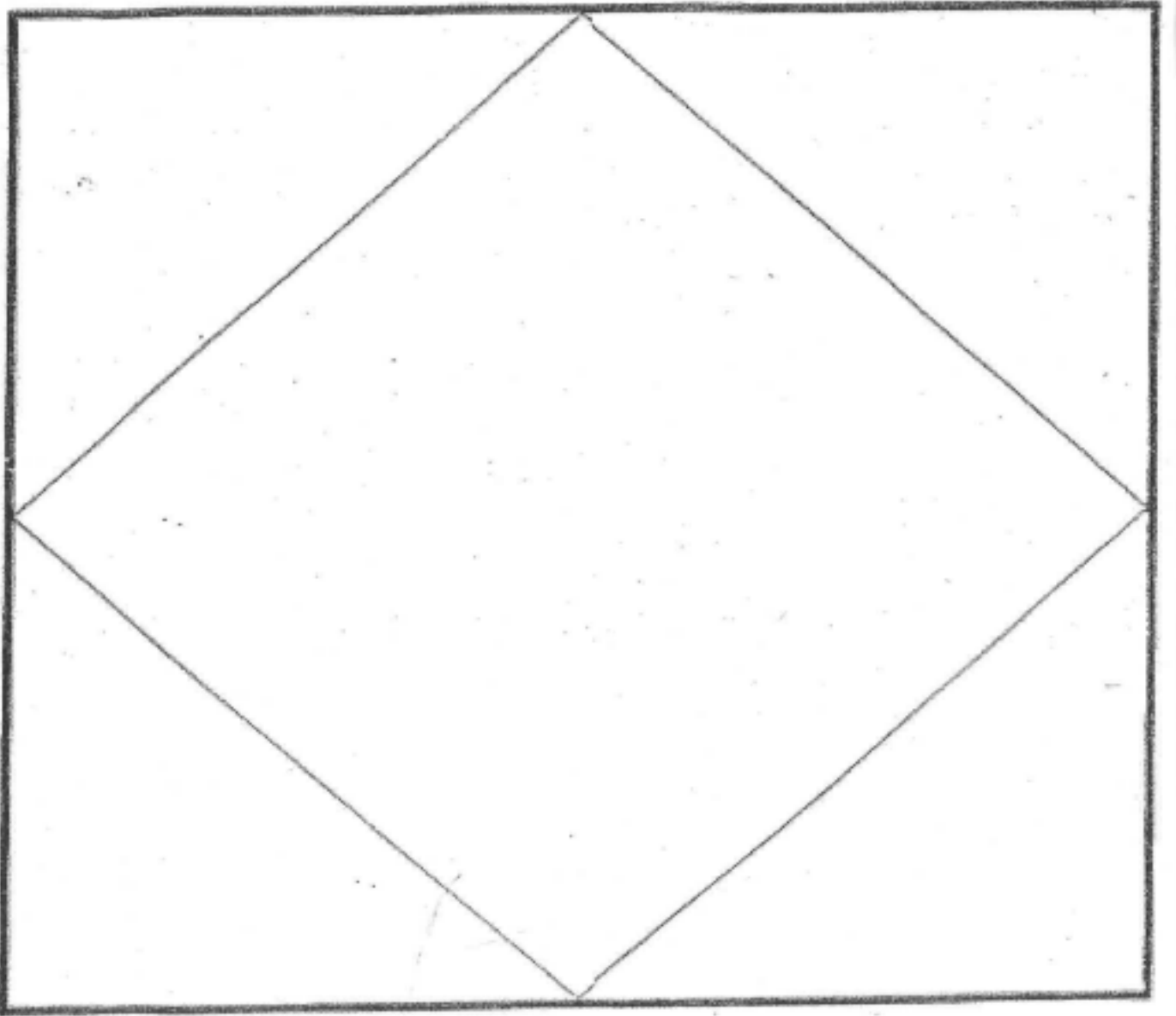
Directions for the "Because of Winn-Dixie" Quilt:

1. In the diamond shape, draw and color a picture of *you* caring for an animal or person.
2. Under the picture, write a sentence(s) describing the illustration.
3. In the lower right corner, write your name, grade (4) and date.
4. In the remaining three corners, illustrate and color three important events from "Because of Winn-Dixie" Include a caption.
5. Cut the square outside the heavy black lines.

You will have a chance to share your quilt with the class.
Because of Winn-Dixie

Graphic Organizer

Story Facts	Thoughts and Opinions



Non-fiction reading: Required

1. 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**. State books are not provided at this time. You may purchase a book of your own, borrow it, find it online (such as EPIC) or lend one from your library.
2. Please, use the attached 'State Facts to Share' list to collect information as you read. Be prepared to share this information with your class upon returning to school in September. You are not required to write a report.
- 3. OPTIONAL** – You may add to the assignment in any way you choose. For example, you may wish to make a poster or brochure, etc. However, this is optional and **not required**.

Summer State Assignments – Incoming Grade 4, School Year 2022-2023

State Facts to Share

State:
Abbreviation:
Capital:
Time Zone:
Nickname:
Bird:
Flower:
Motto:
States it Borders:
History (Statehood):
Major Cities:
Climate:
Size (Area):
Flag:
Landforms:
Population:
Natural Resources:

Math: Recommended

Practicing your basic math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division 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.

***New - STEP UP TO GRADE 4 - I am providing you with a 'Step Up to Grade 4' math packet. It is recommended that you try and do at least the first 2 pages of each lesson to prepare for the upcoming year.*

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 a few entries if you choose to.

Have a wonderful summer! See you at the end of August!

Fondly,

Mrs. Pidgeon