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Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading! Children who continue to read during the summer months sustain and expand their reading skills. We have an exceptional group of readers at St. Mary's and we want them to keep reading!

Attached you will find a list of children's authors that are appropriate for incoming fourth graders. During the summer, each student must read three books and then complete one project. A reading log will be completed for each book, and a verification form will be signed for each book. Descriptions of the book project choices, log and verification form are attached.

During the first week of fourth grade, the completed projects will be collected by the teacher and graded. The student will receive an A toward their first semester grade if all of the above requirements are met, a C if two books are read and all of the requirements are met, and a failing grade if no reading has been completed. A rubric outlining grading criteria is attached.

**Summer is a time for the three Rs: Relax, Rest and Read!**

Sincerely,  
Mrs. McDanel and Mrs. Walsh