

Dear Incoming Fourth Grade Families:

I hope you and your fourth grader (!) have had a wonderful start to summer. For me, it always takes a bit to get accustomed to a new routine and one that doesn't include much time with kids. That being said, I am looking forward to spending time this summer recharging, adventuring, and diving deep into my hobbies.

Next week, I will be attending Lucy Calkins' writing institute at Columbia College with Talia. I am so excited to already start strengthening the writing curriculum for next year and learn how I can be a better writing teacher for your kids!

As you know from my previous email (included below), the assigned summer practice officially starts on Monday. I am assigning summer practice because it will help sustain the skills your student learned from third grade and result in a strong start to fourth grade. I understand that your child may not be able to complete all that is assigned, that is okay! There is a section at the bottom of each weekly log where your child can share why they were unable to complete something. They should bring back their journal and weekly logs on the first day of school.

Login Information:

- Dreambox - an iPad application that is adaptive and in a game-like platform to motivate students to practice a variety of math skills and models. Students can practice at home on an iPad or computer. Dreambox green and blue are the iPad applications. Both need to be downloaded, but students can choose either application to play on.

Username: fourth grader's first name and last initial(s) (example - paiges)

Password: 2023sfs

Elyse set-up these accounts, so please email her if you're having issues accessing your child's account at ewolland@sfschool.org.

- [Typing.com](#) - You can create a username and password or sign-up with Google credentials. Fourth graders will get school generated Google credentials. I will send an email with this information in July (that is when Steve Rubin will generate them).

Additional Resources:

- [Here is a booklist](#) curated by Melissa Holman-Kursky for fourth graders if you are looking for book recommendations
- Typing practice - [Typer Shark!](#) (minimum ads), [Keyboarding Games](#), [Free Typing Games](#)
- [Newsela](#) - a website with grade-level news articles with a variety of lexile levels that we will use during the school year for current events topics
- [Khan Academy](#) - a website for users to learn and practice a variety of concepts by grade or topic with explanatory videos

- [Youcubed](#) - challenging multi-step mathematical problems, similar to the math problems of the month in the Tuesday Note Home
- [The 3rd Grade Summer Math Skills Sharpener](#) - a workbook that reviews key math concepts from third grade
- [642 Things To Write About](#) - A creative writing workbook with prompts for short stories
- Meditation/mindfulness - We will do meditation daily in 4th grade, but I find that it's harder for me to do it on my own over the summer. One resource that has been really helpful for me is an Alexa meditation application that I think kids would really like as well, it's only about 5-8 minutes. I also really like the mindful games recommended in [this book](#) (thank you for sharing Maggie Day!) and [this book](#).

Inspiring Quotes:

- At the start of each day, a fourth grader reads an inspirational quote and rings the peace bell. I think it would be really special if some of the quotes we hear/read next school year came from you! If you would like to add one (or more!) please click on [this Google slideshow](#) to add one in.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to partnering with you all (again!) in the coming school year.

Thank you for all of your support this summer, too!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,