

June, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming Fourth Grade Students,

Welcome to fourth grade. The following information will give you an introduction to the fourth grade subjects.

Reading, as always, impacts all areas of education. We hope you and your child will take the opportunity to read and relax over the summer. KCS takes part in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Miss Morrow has created a list of summer reading suggestions. This will be included with your child's last report card. Students may also want to read the current Nutmeg Nominees. The Kent Memorial Library has a great summer reading program, as well as many activities that your child may enjoy. We encourage an exploration of a variety of genres for both entertainment and information. Please help your child keep a record of her/his summer reading so it can be turned in when school begins.

Summer is also a great time for students to begin or continue a journal or diary, to start a photo album and add captions, to write to relatives or pen pals, or to write stories. Keeping a scrapbook and writing about summer activities is a wonderful way to make memories and keep writing skills strong.

In social studies, we study US geography, US regions, and government, as well as current events. If your family should travel this summer, any maps, brochures, or other souvenirs would make a great share. You might want to visit the Capitol or other Connecticut landmarks, including those of historical interest right here in Kent.

In science, we investigate energy transfer and transformation, rock formations and fossils, wave properties, the effects of weathering, and more! Visits to the Audubon, Mystic Aquarium, children's museums, or the beach will give your child an opportunity to investigate and explore and then share when school begins.

Incorporating math skills with daily activities such as telling and calculating the passage of time, making change, measuring, or calculating distance can help make math relevant.

Practicing the math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) is very important. Being able to recall those facts quickly is essential.

School supplies:

- Pencils, pens (erasable), pencil sharpener and **a case to hold these items**
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils (optional)
- 1 two pocket folder
- 3 composition notebooks (marble covers, different colors if possible) for math, reading, and writing)
- 2 spiral bound notebooks (for language arts & social studies)
 - 1 One inch 3 ring binder with a clear plastic "pocket" on the cover
- **An assignment book will be provided by the school**

We look forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming school year. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

