

Cross the Bridge to Success

From 3rd to 4th Grade



Reading:

- Read for at least 20 minutes every day
- In 4th grade we read on-level chapter books to learn about literature and literary elements. To prepare for reading length novels, we strongly recommend you begin reading chapter books now.
- Venture into more non-fiction reading, as this will be an emphasis in the coming year

Writing:

- Try your hand at journal writing. This will be an excellent introduction to personal narrative writing which is where we will begin at the beginning of the year.
- Check your journaling for essential elements of a well-written narrative: a well described setting, interesting characters with developed personalities, a story-line that contains a problem and solution, and a solid beginning, middle, and ending.

Math:

- Come to 4th grade knowing your basic multiplication facts. If you do not have these facts memorized already, spend the summer practicing.
- If you have any struggles with addition or subtraction (carrying or borrowing), practice these skills over the summer. You will be expected to work multi-digit addition and subtraction problems without errors.
- Also, practice your hand with money. Adding and subtracting different sums of money and making change is a skill you will use on a regular basis.
- One last area we recommend practice is understanding place value. We will start our year in math with an in-depth look at place value using models and written explanations to talk about place value. To be able to model and write about place value, you must understand place values. Please work on these skills over the summer.