



Congratulations on completing third grade!

I am excited and looking forward to getting to know you better next year. I really believe we are going to have a fantastic year together. You may already know that our classroom will be in the lower level of the Wellington cottage. This large space is going to give us lots of opportunities to be creative and try new ways to make our time together more challenging and exciting. It's going to be great!

In this letter I want to give you some information you'll need when we meet again for the first day of school. First, have fun this summer! Swim, play, ride bikes, take hikes, invent, dream, explore, create, and read. I cannot stress how important it is for you to get outside to play, and how important it is to read. So turn off the Fortnite, Xbox, PlayStation, tablet, computer, and iPad, find a cozy spot somewhere quiet, and let yourself get lost in a good story. When we meet again in August, I want you to be able to tell me about the great books you read, the places they took you, and the characters you met. We will be doing a lot of reading next fall, and I want you all to have the stamina you need to read lots of books in fourth grade.

Assignment #1: Among all the books you read this summer, I would like you to choose a favorite book and create a new award for that book named after yourself. If you are feeling like you have no favorite book, I highly recommend that you read a book that is either a **Newbery Award winning book** (here is a link on Powell's books to help: <http://bit.ly/1QtgkpP>) or a **book that was either a nominee for a Newbery, Nutmeg, or another prestigious award for its writing**. After you have read it, I would like you to design your award on a clean sheet of 8 1/2" x 11" paper (it can be color). Make it detailed, colorful, and bulletin board worthy. Then, on a separate piece of paper, explain your award using a detailed paragraph. Bring your award in during the first week of school so we can share and display them. I have also included in this letter, a list of suggestions for possible summer reading.

Assignment #2: Aside from reading, I also want you to practice your math. You all should have your multiplication facts up to twelve well practiced for immediate recall. Find a fun website or make flashcards to help. Also, here is a site to a book that I highly recommend. This [book](#) aligns with the Singapore Math you learned in third grade and keeps your mind active for fourth grade math.

You may find that a page or two a day is enough to keep your mind sharp. If you currently have IXL and or Dreambox, please continue to spend 15-20 minutes a day/week practicing.

Now for the really fun part--**the back-to-School Supplies**. Below is a list of the materials I would like you to have for the first week of school.

1. 1 inch, three-ring binder for our Spelling curriculum
- 2.. 3-4 Perma-Bound composition notebooks for reading, writing, and math
3. 1 pack of regular Colored pencils
4. 1 pack of erasable Colored pencils
5. 1 packs of thin colored markers
6. A packet of thin dry-erase markers (no fluorescent colors) 4 pack
7. Crayons of your choice
8. A package (or two) of no. 2 pencils
9. 2-4 Glue sticks.

Assignment #3: It would be FANTASTIC if you would decorate the cover of one of your Perma-Bound notebooks with pictures of your family, activities you have done, or places you have visited. This will be your writing journal and the pictures will serve as a source of inspiration. I find it best if you organize the pictures and then cover them over with clear packaging tape.

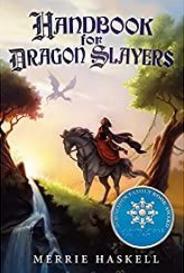
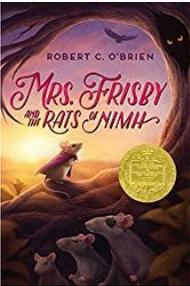
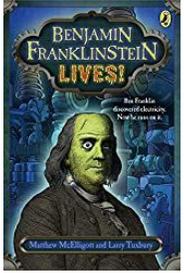
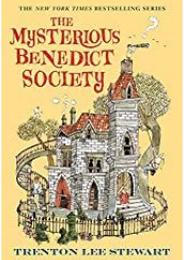
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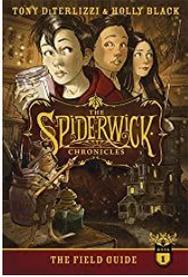
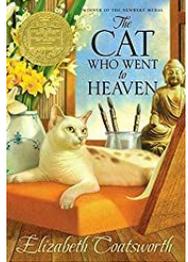
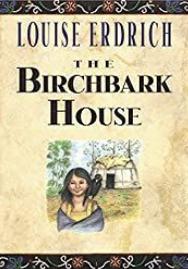
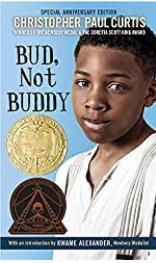
I truly look forward to starting our fourth-grade year together, but not until you have all had a wonderful summer, full of adventures and new stories to share.

See you then!

Mrs. Christian

Mrs. Christian's Suggested Summer Reading List

Title	Author	Cover (for fun)
Handbook for Dragon Slayers	Merrie Haskell	
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert C. O'Brian	
Benjamin Franklinshtein Lives! (series)	Matthew McElligott and Larry David Tuxbury.	
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series)	Trenton Lee Stewart.	

<p>The Spiderwick Chronicles (series)</p>	<p>Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black</p>	
<p>The Cat Who Went to Heaven</p>	<p>Elizabeth Coatsworth</p>	
<p>The Birchbark House. (series)</p>	<p>Louise Erdrich</p>	
<p>Bud, Not Buddy.</p>	<p>Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	
<p>Rickshaw Girl</p>	<p>Mitali Perkins.</p>	