

June 2014

Dear Parents,

The following are the summer requirements for the fourth grade class of 2014-2015.

**Reading:** All students must read Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos by Robert Lawson; and Journey to Ellis Island: How My Father Came to America by Carol Bierman. In addition, students will choose **one** other book, within their individual Lexile Range\*, from the following list:

<b><u>Lexile 550-650:</u></b>	<b><u>Lexile 650-750:</u></b>	<b><u>Lexile 750+:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol</li><li>• The Good, the Bad and the Goofy by Jon Scieszka</li><li>• My Life Among the Aliens by Gail Gauthier</li><li>• The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleishman</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 26 Fairmont Avenue by Tommie dePaola</li><li>• The Black Stallion by Walter Farley</li><li>• Midnight Magic by Avi</li><li>• A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Cricket in Time Square by George Seldon</li><li>• Flip-Flop Girl by Katherine Patterson</li><li>• The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks</li><li>• Lunchbox and the Aliens by Bryan W. Fields</li></ul>

\* **PLEASE NOTE:** Your child's individual Lexile range can be found on TerraNova Home Report. Assessments and reading projects will be assigned the first week of school.

**Math:**

*Summer Math Packet* - The Summer Math Packet will be available for download on the school website soon (<http://www.assumptioncatholicschool.net>). The purpose of the packet is to review basic multiplication facts. As parents, you should correct and initial each page **as your child completes it** so as not to reinforce errors. Each child who completes this packet and returns it by the end of the first week of school will be given a grade of 100% for the first test grade.

**Writing:**

*My Summer Adventures Journal*- using the journal provided, students are required to write and date one (1) journal entry each week. Each journal entry must be 6-12 complete sentences in length and written in their **best cursive** writing. Students are asked to write about their adventures and thoughts during the summer months. Topics may include - movies they have seen, games they have played, or people and places they have visited.

**Acellus:**

Each child has received his/her username and password for Acellus. Each student has access to at least four courses (reading, math, science, social studies). Each course would take about 2 hours per week to complete in 10 weeks. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that students work on the new program, progress will be monitored.

**Reading Rewards:**

Each child has been assigned an account on Reading-Rewards.com. Please refer to attached materials for information about how to get started. Next year, mandatory goals will be set at 15-20 minutes/day for reading. Please take the time during the summer to familiarize yourself with how reading rewards works, create your personalized avatar and log your minutes.

If you cannot find your child's Lexile range or their Acellus username and/or password, please contact the main office at 732-826-8721.

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a great summer!

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