

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents,

As the Fourth Grade Team, we wanted to introduce ourselves to you and begin our commitment to maintaining close contact between school and home. Our partnership with you next year will assure your child's success in fourth grade. We look forward to becoming personally acquainted with you and your child and wanted to share some information with you that would, perhaps, make your child's transition to fourth grade a little smoother.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in person next August!

Sincerely,

Fourth GradeTeam

### **Summer Suggestions**

- **Read! Read! Read!** Research proves that children who read and are read to regularly develop better reading skills and become more successful learners. Next year your child will be expected to read from 20 – 30 minutes daily. Doing that over the summer would certainly reinforce that expectation for next year and polish your child's reading skills. Your child's *TerraNova* Home Report included a reading list appropriate to your child's reading level. Attached also find a suggested reading list of books on the fourth grade level.
- **Basic Math Facts** Students should come into fourth grade having immediate command of basic addition and subtraction facts and able to choose the correct operation to solve a problem. They should be able to skip count by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, and 10's (forwards and backwards☺) and have immediate command of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 multiplication facts. Some suggestions for practicing math facts.
- **Handwriting** Students' manuscript and cursive handwriting should show properly formed letters, correctly sized letters (lower case versus upper case), and correctly aligned letters (letters that sit on the lines rather than float above the lines or sink below the lines). Allow your child to practice his/her cursive by writing out your grocery list for you, writing thank you notes or friendly letters to family and friends, "playing school" with a chalkboard or whiteboard, keeping a daily journal, writing imaginative stories, etc. To begin, supervise your child's writing to assure his/her letters are formed in the right directions (oval letters going to the left and around, rather than to the right and round and round like a roller coaster). Attached is a writing reference showing the correct way/direction to make the printed letters.

**SUPPLY LIST: The Supply List posted in the PX is the DoDEA list of items we are allowed to ask parents to provide. We have pared that list down in an effort to better organize your child and save you money. Please take the following Supply List with you when you shop!**