

# School Supply List for Students Entering **Grade 4** Cherry Road Elementary School 2019-2020

All students please bring the following items:

- #2 Pencils
- Markers (non-toxic)
- Eraser
- 4 glue sticks
- Large box of colored pencils
- Scotch tape
- 2 black marbled composition notebooks
- Art smock (can be old t-shirt)
- Small pencil sharpener (not electric)
- 5 two-pocket folders
- 3x3 Post-It Notes (3 pads)
- Scissors
- 2 permanent black Ultra Fine Sharpie markers
- Ruler (metric & customary)
- High-liter
- 1 package of wide ruled paper
- 4 dry erase markers
- Old sock to use as an eraser
- Small size inexpensive head phones or ear buds (can be found at Five Below or Dollar Tree Store)
- Pencil Box (no larger than 5x8)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 package of unscented baby wipe



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To help prepare for the start of the school year, please have all supplies removed from their original packaging. **Please place the following items in your pencil box.**

***5-sharpened pencils    2-glue sticks    1-high-liter    scissors    2-dry erase markers***

***1-sharpie    1-pad of post it notes    eraser    tape    colored pencils***

**Please place all other supplies in a labeled gallon sized zip lock bag, to be stored in the classroom.**

***\* \* Please see the attached letter on the back \* \****

Dear Families,

We are very excited to have your children in fourth grade next year. As everyone prepares for a well deserved break, we would like to take an opportunity to help set your child up for success. It is very important that each incoming 4th grader enters as prepared as he/she can. Doing so will help to prevent the "summer slide."

Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2.5 years behind! All children may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the "summer slide" or even accelerate reading growth?

Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of 6th grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,00 words. That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program. The public libraries have wonderful summer reading programs!

Students are expected to be fluent with multiplication facts (0-10) at the end of third grade. In fourth grade we will be learning 2 and 3 digit multiplication and long division. Having basic facts memorized will make it possible for students to be successful with these and other advanced processes. Not having the basic facts memorized will make learning these concepts very difficult.

What is math fact fluency? Math fact fluency is the ability for students to recall basic facts quickly, accurately and effortlessly. It would take a student ages to write a paper if they had to look up the spelling of each individual word. In the same way, lack of fact fluency can slow down student's processing of more complex math problems. Research shows the importance of fact fluency as the foundation for more difficult math, and even as a predictor of future math success.

**Here's how you can study this summer:**

- Focus on one number at time until you know it really well.
- 0's, 1's, 5's and 10's are the facts that can be learned the quickest.
- Quiz your child at home, in the car, on the plane, or anywhere!
- Buy flash cards at the Dollar Store or make your own out of index cards.
- Skip count out loud or practice writing it down  
Example: 3, 6, 9, 12... 7, 14, 21....
- Access online math games.

We are looking forward to a great year. Thank you so much for your continued support. Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy reading and practicing those math facts.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teachers