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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a great pleasure working with your children all year long. We are truly amazed by their progress and resilience throughout this year's challenges. We hope you and your family will manage to enjoy some relaxing time over the summer.

As you may know, summertime can result in a significant loss of academic and language skills when students do **not engage at all** in learning activities. This phenomenon is also known as the **summer slide** or **summer loss**. Research shows that students who **continue** engaging in learning during school breaks will better retain the concepts they have learned during the school year. This is particularly important when it comes to **reading and foreign language skills**.



Engaging in learning does not mean that your child should do math worksheets and study French vocabulary lists every single day of the summer. Learning happens through multiple ways and Summer is the perfect time to make it more fun and explore interests that match your child's own learning style. Engaging in physical activities, hands-on exploration, interacting with siblings or the adults in the house, playing board games, making crafts, cooking, drawing, or singing are a couple of many ways to keep a learning mindset.

To prepare for the next grade level, it is important that your child maintains his/her exposure to French language to minimize language loss. We recommend a minimum of **15 minutes of French** and **20 minutes of independent reading daily**. You will find a list of recommended websites and suggestions of activities on the next page. We also encourage you to keep track of these daily activities in a document such as [this one](#). It is a good way to keep your child motivated and give him/her a sense of accomplishment. These resources are meant to offer some guidance but as they are optional, the pedagogical team will not be able to provide support during the summer.



We look forward to seeing our students back in August. Have a great summer!



Name of website (include the link in an hyperlink)	Short description of the type of resources available on this website	Recommended time or number of activities on the website	Recommended complementary activities
Lumni.fr (Niveau ce2)	Many short videos (1-10mn) in French about diverse topics: French language, science, P.E, culture, history, ...	Watch a video on a topic that you are interested in (~5-10mn)	- Watch the video at least twice - Write down or tell someone (in French or English) about the following things: 1) what was this video about? 2) what did you learn? 3) what surprised you the most? 4) which French words did you hear the most? Or which French word sounded funny?
https://www.logicieleduatif.fr/francais/lecture/lecture6.php	Reading, game : “guess who”	Play 15 min, choose level 1,2 or 3.	Read aloud while playing.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLmIU MA_bGiMWWgfDwfNDgw/featured	Short two-minute videos that answer a simple question (diverse themes)	1 jour 1 Question	Watch the video at least twice
https://www.logicieleduatif.fr/francais/lecture/qui-est-ce-garcon-2.php	Reading, game : “guess who”	Play 15 min, choose level 1,2 or 3.	Read aloud while playing.
https://www.logicieleduatif.fr/francais/lecture/qui-est-ce-fille-2.php	Reading, game : “guess who”	Play 15 min, choose level 1,2 or 3.	Read aloud while playing.
https://app.luminpdf.com/viewer/5ed90547a87d8000127b7473	Summer vacation booklet	Practice especially the French grammar exercises once a week.	There is some very basic math review included.



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https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/francais/lecture/lecture1-jeunes-lecteurs.php	Lecture de consigne	Play 15min.	Read aloud while playing.
https://plateforme.films-pour-enfants.com/	Movies	Short movies in French	Pick your "cycle" in the first tab on the left (cycle 1: pre-k and K, cycle 2: 1-3, and cycle 3: 4-6)
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/francais/conjugaison_grammaire/conjugojunior1.php	Conjugaison verbe -er Short exercise	Play 10-15 mn	Read aloud while playing.
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/math/calcul/tables multiplication.php	Revoir les tables de x	Every week	
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/index_numeration.php	Jeux en ligne sur la numération	Every week	
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/francais/conjugaison_grammaire/conjugaison-aller.php	Conjugaison verbe Aller	Play 10-15 mn	Read aloud while playing.
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/math/grandeurs-et-mesures/grandeurs-et-mesures.php	Révision de la lecture de l'heure/Aire et périmètre, etc	Toutes les semaines	
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/indexce2.php	Resolution de problemes dans les différents champs des maths	Toutes les semaines	
https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/francais/conjugaison_grammaire/conjugaison-avoir.php	Verbe avoir	Play 10-15 mn	Read aloud while playing.



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https://www.logicieleducatif.fr/francais/conjugaison_grammaire/conjugaison-etre.php	Verbe etre	Play 10-15 mn	Read aloud while playing.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH8Y-09Rgms	Movie “ Les compagnons du Thé”	1h37	Watch this film
https://www.disneyplus.com/ https://www.netflix.com/Kids	Cartoons in french (subscription needed)	20 minutes to 1 hour	If you have a subscription, watch cartoons available in French. What words/sentences do you understand? Teach them to someone at home!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHvWYFbh6Zo	Movie “Le chat botté” very simple version	Watch only the first 58 mn	Dialogs are very adapted for young people
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38y_1EWIE9I&t=1s	Very short movie without dialog	4mn 41s	Students can imagine in english and in french the story

[Summer workbook](#)



Name: _____

2020 Summer Reading Packet for Rising Fourth Graders



Dear Almost Fourth Graders (and Parents),

Contained in this packet is required summer reading, ideas for sharing a book, LEXIA information, a suggested reading list, and a reading log.

- (1) Over the summer, you will be **required** to read: ***Magic Tree House: Night of the New Magicians***. Merlin sends Jack and Annie on a mysterious mission to Paris over 100 years ago.

You can borrow this book at your library in physical or ebook form or buy it online as a physical book or ebook (amazon.com, hpb.com, ebay.com).

- (2) Next, you must choose at least **two** more books to read on your reading level. You may choose fiction or nonfiction from the attached lists or websites with many suggested titles. Be sure to choose carefully and read the entire book.

- (3) Lastly, within the first two weeks we return to school, you will **share** one of the books you chose (NOT *Magic Tree House*) to your classmates in ELA class. A grade will be given on planning, creativity, and presentation.



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The following is a list of **Ways to Share a Book** (all of the following must be accompanied by at least two paragraphs, at least 5 sentences each). Choose ONE of them to do for one of the books you chose to read. You can either type or handwrite it.

1. Write a friendly letter to the author or one of the characters.
2. Write a poem based on the book (at least two stanzas).
3. Illustrate a scene from the story in any medium (markers, crayons, or paint). Write two paragraphs about why you chose to draw what you drew.
4. Design a book jacket. Write at least two paragraphs about why you chose to draw what you drew.
5. Rewrite the ending of the book in your own words.
6. Write a sequel to the book (what you think happens next).
7. Watch the movie and write a compare/contrast summary.
8. Write a biography (the life story) of one of your favorite characters.

(Optional) Online Programs to Continue:

1. Lexia: All students who have not completed Level 14 in LEXIA should work towards it over the summer. Go to your LFNO student account, enter your username and password, and click on LEXIA.
2. Freckle: Word Study
3. Freckle Articles: Read to improve your reading skills. Your answers in Freckle provide your teacher with information about your reading level, struggles, and strengths.
4. Khan Academy: Log in using your school email account. Work in the Grammar or Reading categories. Your teacher will be able to see what work you have done if you log in with the LFNO account.
5. Typing Pal: Practice typing and work your way through the levels. This will help you with typing.



Suggested Books

Check these websites for great book choices:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/books-celebrate-diversity-for-4th-graders/>

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/72936.Summer_Reading_List_4th_5th_grades

<https://kidswhoread.wordpress.com/3rd-5th-list/>

<https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/4th-grade-summer-reading-list>

<http://nolalibrary.org/>

NOTE: We will be reading *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*, *The Birchbark House*, and *Treasure Island* in fourth grade, so do NOT read those for summer reading.

***The Cricket in Times Square* - by George Selden, Garth Williams (illus.)**

Business has not been good at the Bellini's newspaper stand in the Times Square subway station. Tucker the mouse, who lives in a drainpipe near the newsstand, wishes he could help. One night, Mario Bellini hears a beautiful sound -- it is Chester, a cricket from Connecticut who has been accidentally brought to New York City and plays music with his wings. After Mario convinces his parents to let him keep Chester, Tucker, his friend Harry the cat, and the cricket come up with a plan to help the Bellinis keep their newsstand: Chester can give concerts!

***Earthquake Terror* - by Peg Kehret**

When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California where his family has been camping, 12-year-old Jonathan Palmer must find a way to keep himself, his partially paralyzed younger sister, and their dog alive until help arrives.

***Fudge-a-Mania* - by Judy Blume**

Peter Hatcher's summer is not looking good. First of all, Peter's brother, Fudge -- the five-year-old human hurricane -- has a plan: to marry Peter's sworn enemy, Sheila Tubman. Disgusting! Could anything be worse? Yes. Peter's parents have decided to rent a summer house next door to the Tubmans. Which means Peter will be stuck with Fudge and Sheila the Cootie Queen for three whole weeks! Will Peter be able to survive the summer? It may not be the vacation of Peter's dreams, but as millions of Judy Blume fans know, it won't be dull. When Fudge is around, anything can happen ... and does! Also recommended: *Superfudge* and *Otherwise Known As Sheila the Great*.

***The Indian in the Cupboard* - by Lynne Reid Banks, Brock Cole (illus.)**

The first book in this bestselling series begins with young Omri receiving an old family wooden medicine cupboard as a birthday gift. Given to him by his mother in order to house his plastic toy soldiers, the cupboard has a magical power: It can bring Omri's toys to life. When his toy Indian comes alive and befriends him, Omri finds himself involved in all kinds of adventure and excitement.

***Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang* - by Mordecai Richler, Fritz Wegner (illus.)**

Jacob Two-Two says everything twice. But the grocer thinks Jacob's being rude when he asks for something twice, and before he knows it, Jacob has been arrested and whisked away to Slimer's Isle. How Jacob outsmarts the jailer and saves the children of Slimer's Isle makes for outrageously funny reading.



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The Mouse and the Motorcycle

by Beverly Cleary, Louis Darling (illus.)

Ralph the mouse is terrified. All he had wanted to do was ride the little motorcycle someone had left on the table. Instead, both Ralph and the motorcycle have taken a terrible fall -- right into the bottom of the wastepaper basket. He is trapped, left to wait for whatever fate has in store for him. But it turns out to be Ralph's lucky day. Along comes Keith, the owner of the toy motorcycle, who is staying with his family in the hotel room where Ralph lives. Not only does Keith save Ralph's life, but he teaches him how to ride the bike. And when everyone is asleep, he turns Ralph loose in the hotel halls to enjoy the biking adventure of his life. But adventures can be both fun and trouble...as Ralph and Keith soon find out! Also recommended: *Ralph S. Mouse* and *Runaway Ralph*.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

by Robert C. O'Brien, Zena Bernstein (illus.)

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

My Teacher Is an Alien

by Bruce Coville, Mike Wimmer (illus.)

Susan can tell that her new substitute teacher is really weird. She doesn't know how weird until she catches him peeling off his face -- and realizes Mr. Smith is really an alien! Now it's up to Susan and her friends to get rid of the extraterrestrial visitor.

Native American Doctor, The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte

by Jeri Ferris

This is the inspiring biography of the young Omaha woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school.

Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade

by Barthe DeClements

Jenny knows one thing for sure -- Elsie Edwards is a fat thief who steals people's lunch money to buy candy. So when the book club money disappears, why is the whole class punished? Nothing's fair! But soon Jenny realizes some things aren't fair for Elsie, either. Elsie is on a strict diet, but when she starts losing weight, her mother won't buy her new clothes. Instead, she plans to send Elsie to boarding school. Suddenly everyone wants to help Elsie. Nothing's fair in fifth grade -- but sometimes things get better!

The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog - by John R. Erickson, Gerald L. Holmes (illus.)

While investigating a vicious murder on his ranch, Hank finds himself the No. 1 suspect. Resigning in a fit of despair, he heads for the hills to become an outlaw -- where a band of ruthless coyotes is happy to teach him the trade. Or are they? They seem to be on his side...until they unveil their plan for a raid on Hank's ranch! Hank knows he can't beat them. Will he be forced to join them?

Owls in the Family - by Farley Mowat, Robert Frankenberg (illus.)

Owls Wol and Weeps turn a household upside down, outwit a dog with the dignity of Mutt, and shake up a neighborhood.



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Search for the Shadowman - by Joan Lowery Nixon

Twelve-year-old Andy Bonner isn't thrilled with his teacher's assignment to explore family history. When he starts asking questions about his ancestors, he is startled to discover a black sheep in the family tree. No one wants to reveal what happened in his family's past. But Andy is determined to break the silence. Casting his net widely, from the Internet to the local cemetery, Andy helps everyone realize it's never too late to seek justice.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School - by Louis Sachar, Julie Brinckloe (illus.)

There'd been a terrible mistake. Wayside School was supposed to be built with 30 classrooms all next to each other in a row. Instead, they built the classrooms one on top of the other ... 30 stories tall! (The builder said he was very sorry.) That may be why all kinds of funny things happen at Wayside School -- especially on the 30th floor. You'll meet Mrs. Gorf, the meanest teacher of all; terrible Todd, who always gets sent home early; and John, who can only read upside down -- along with all the other kids in the crazy mixed-up school that came out sideways. But you'll never guess the truth about Sammy, the new kid ... or what's in store for Wayside School on Halloween!

Stuart Little - by E. B. White

Stuart Little is a mouse in the family of the Frederick C. Littles and is a pleasantly debonair little character, with a shy, engaging manner and a somewhat philosophical turn of mind. He is a great help around the house, and everybody except Snowbell the cat likes him a great deal. In spite of his small size, Stuart gets around a good bit in the world, riding a Fifth Avenue bus with some aplomb, racing (and winning in) a sailboat in Central Park, teaching school for a day, and so on. His size -- just over two inches -- does give him some trouble now and then, like the time he was rolled up in the window shade, or when he got dumped into a garbage scow. But on the whole his life is a happy one. His great adventure comes when, at the age of seven, he sets out in the world to seek his dearest friend, Margalo, a beautiful little bird. Stuart Little, small in size only, has the adventurousness, the great purpose, and the indomitable spirit of a heroic figure, and his story, funny and tender and exciting by turns, will be read, re-read, and loved by young and old.

Time for Andrew, A Ghost Story - by Mary Downing Hahn

When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, 11-year-old Drew is drawn 80 years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle, who is dying of diphtheria.