



## MRS. DAMM MELLINA'S FOURTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

(\* Starred items- A limited supply will be available in a classroom share box. You may prefer that your child has his/her own tools to work with.)

- Pencils (sharpened)
- Pens (blue or black ink only)
- \*Black Sharpie Marker
- \* Highlighter
- \* Small stapler and staples
- \* Crayons, colored pencils, markers
- \* Glue sticks
- \* Small regular glue
- \* Tape
- \* Scissor (long and blunt for safety)
- Available Dictionary and Thesaurus (for home)
- Post-its (small)
- 2 marble composition notebooks
- (2.5, or 3 inch) binder
- Packages of loose leaf paper
- Packages of dividers (total of 12 dividers needed)
- 100 3x5 WHITE index cards
- 1 roll of paper towels (for personal use)
- 1 box of tissues (for personal use)
- Calculator
- Completed Math Fact Pact (Sent to your child in the mail)**
- Scholastic Summer Reader (Sent to your child in the mail)**

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Hello Fourth Grader,

Hoorah, summer is here! Now is the time to attack the growing pile of books (affectionately known as "summer reads") that I have placed throughout the year on the bench in my living room. It seems to be a gathering place for all the books and items patiently waiting to be taken on vacation. The stack reminds me of how important it is to read something every day. That is exactly the challenge I place before you; read something every day.

"Just 15 minutes can save you 15% or more on..." the time it takes you to complete your class work or homework. While I do not have the research to back that up, yet, it certainly makes good sense. The phrase has reminded me of a pearl of wisdom my dad gave to me when I commented on not having enough time to read for pleasure due to an incredibly busy schedule. He told me then, about finding "15 minutes ..." a day, and this was long before an adorable gecko coined the phrase. Who knew?

My dad is right about always being able to find 15 minutes a day to read. I remember thinking I would not progress through the material fast enough, until he told me to time it and see. Sure enough, I was able to read a substantial amount in such a short period of time.

Although this anecdote lends itself to the ideal of listening to your parents (which is always a good thing), additionally it provides us with encouragement to:

READ SOMETHING EVERYDAY.

Since it is my desire to learn more about you as a reader and a writer, I will not limit you to read two or three pre-selected books, but instead provide you with the opportunity to invite me into your world of reading and writing.

It is up to you to select the materials you would like to read this summer. In addition to the Scholastic Summer Reader enclosed with this letter (an excellent choice), the librarians at the Center Moriches Free Public Library are prepared to introduce you to the wealth of reading material they have there for you. (Take a gander at the children's magazines section.) Using a composition notebook (take one off the supply list), place the date at the top of each page (do not skip pages), as well as the title of the selected material and the author. (Even comic books have an author.) Next, record your thoughts about the material you have read. There is a "two sentence minimum" for each entry. These sentences must be constructed well enough to include references made about what you have just read. ("This book is awesome." is not acceptable.) If you wish to include illustrations now and then, go right ahead. Be certain to tell me, in writing, what it is that I am looking at, though.

Your "summer reads" notebook will be due **September 3rd through the 6th, 2019**. You decide which date is best for you. **It will not be accepted at any other time.**

\*For additional credit toward your first trimester report card grade, please sign this letter, and include a parent/guardian signature, indicating that you have both read the summer reading and writing challenge. Tape it inside the front cover of your notebook. Your full name should appear on the cover of the notebook.

If you have any questions about the assignment or would simply like to share a great literary find, you may do so through the school's email system ([lmellina@cmschools.org](mailto:lmellina@cmschools.org)). I will check the mail once a week, when I am able to do so.

Make the most of your summer adventures. I look forward to hearing and reading about them in the fall.

Have a blast reading,

Mrs. Damm Mellina

\*I have read this letter regarding the summer reading and writing challenge.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_