

WELCOME TO FOURTH GRADE!

June 7, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Mrs. Evangeline Marie Markley, and I will be your child's fourth-grade teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. You and I will be spending more time with your child in the upcoming school year than any other adult. Because of this, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a few things about myself professionally.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Human Development from Azusa Pacific University and hold a Master's in Education. This will be my twenty-sixth year teaching in the Los Angeles area, and have previously taught grades 1, 4, 5, 7, & 8.

As an assertive teacher, I will implement and practice a positive approach when dealing with my students. I will also help the students develop the ability to choose their own behavior by making their own choices and assume the responsibility for their actions and decisions. The ultimate goal of my classroom management plan is to respect my students and create a safe classroom that encourages as much learning and positive experiences as possible.

You are the most important people in your child's life, and we need to work together for your child's benefit. I need you to support my academic, homework, and discipline efforts, and I will keep you informed about your child's progress. With school and home working together, I know my students can have a successful year.

I look forward to meeting you personally at Back-to -School Night.  
Have a safe and relaxing summer!

God Bless,

Mrs. Evangeline Marie Markley

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Work

Dear Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents-

I can't wait to get to know you all better starting in August. Over the summer there are some work requirements in reading, writing, and math to keep your brain fresh. Please keep reading throughout the summer and practice your multiplication and division facts. Please read over the assignments below.

### Summer Requirement for Math, Reading and Writing

I am requiring that all students entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade practice his/her math skills. Some options may be to attend summer school, have a private tutor, find an online program or purchase a math workbook.

Fourth graders must read: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Follow the book report guidelines below. Turn the book report in on the first day of school. This will count as the first reading and language grade of the first trimester.

Book Report Guidelines:

1. **READ:** Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
2. **FOLD** a 12X12 white card stock in half as if making a book. (Card stock can be found at JOANNS).
3. **Front Cover:** **DESIGN** the cover with the main character from the story. Write your name and the book's name and author on the cover as well.
4. **Back cover:** **WRITE** a well thought out review of the book.
5. **Inside:** **DRAW** four of your favorite scenes from the book. **COLOR** the pictures neatly with crayon.
6. On an index card **WRITE** a caption of what is happening in each of your pictures. (Captions should be 3-4 sentences long). Next, glue the index card underneath each illustration. Write neatly in **CURSIVE** and in **BLUE PEN**.
7. Make sure your photo album is **NEAT, COLORFUL, and WELL WRITTEN.**

The following books will be required for your child. Please do not read the following books over the summer as we will be reading them together in class this year. It is the responsibility of the parent to have every book purchased before the start of each month.

Month	Book	Author
August	<i>Sadako</i>	Eleanor Coerr
September	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Roald Dahl
October	<i>Coco (The Junior Novelization)</i>	Angela Cervantes
November	<i>Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynne Reid Banks
December	<i>The Friendship</i>	Mildred D. Taylor
January	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	Roald Dahl
February	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	E.B. White
March	<i>Shiloh</i>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
April	<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>	Eleanor Estes
May	<i>Riding Freedom</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
June	<i>Summer of the Swans</i>	Betsy Byars

Have a safe, fun and relaxing summer! Mrs. Markley