

Dear 4th Grade Families,

The Akiva Fourth Grade Team would like to welcome you and your whole family to the Akiva Fourth Grade Family. We are so excited to get to know you and your children even better! While we look forward to our own adventures this summer, we are also working hard to prepare for the Fall and a great 4th grade year.

The Book to Read for Our Theme of Responsibility:

Every rising fourth grader must read the wonderful book, The Boy at the Back of the Class, by Onjali Q. Raúf, because we will be talking about our responsibility to ourselves and to others in our community.

You can purchase it here:

<https://a.co/d/cxFaUwI>

****You are also welcome to check this book out from the local library. Please keep in mind students must have this book at school for the first 2-3 weeks of school.**

Other Summer Reading Suggestions:

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Great Authors to Find
<u>Rules</u> by Cynthia Lord <u>Ellie Engle Saves Herself</u> by Leah Johnson <u>Amina's Voice</u> by Hena Khan <u>Granddaddy's Gift</u> by Margaree King Mitchell <u>Wonder</u> by R.J. Palacio <u>The One and Only Ivan</u> by Katherine Applegate	<u>This Is How We Do It</u> by Matt Lamothe <u>A Sporting Chance</u> By Lori Alexander <u>Tree Lady</u> by H. Joseph Hopkins <u>Fractions in Disguise: A Math Adventure</u> by Edward Einhorn	Barbara O'Connor Gordon Korman Seymour Simon Andrew Clements Katherine Applegate Matt Christopher

NOTICE:

We read several class novels in 4th grade and our units work better if students **DO NOT** read the books before, so that we are able to make inferences and predictions. So please do not read the books below:

Our Class Novels ***(subject to change):***

- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
- King George: What Was His Problem? By Steve Sheinkin
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Hebrew Reading:

Each child has worked hard to improve fluency as we asked every child to read for at least 5-10 minutes each day, over the past school year.. We are asking you to help your child maintain this habit over the summer even if it is just for 5 minutes each day. The iTalam portal will continue to be open through the end of July. If you need any support with iTalam, please contact Morah Vardit at vardit@akivanashville.net. If you are interested in any other Hebrew books to borrow for the summer, please let us know.

Math:

The Akiva math program is a balance of teaching conceptual understanding and procedural accuracy. Each grade level has certain concepts as well as procedures and math facts that they are responsible for teaching. **Fourth graders should enter the class already knowing all of their addition and subtraction facts as well as all multiplication facts up to 10 x 10, automatically. In fourth grade, they will learn multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.** It is vital that students know all the facts in order for them to be successful with the new concepts and procedures that they will learn next school year. **Students do have a summer slide if they do not practice, so please encourage your child to practice math facts for a few minutes each day.** The practice will definitely pay off!

Ways to Practice All of the Multiplication Facts up to 10.

0x0	1x0	2x0	3x0	4x0	5x0	6x0	7x0	8x0	9x0	10x0
0x1	1x1	2x1	3x1	4x1	5x1	6x1	7x1	8x1	9x1	10x1
0x2	1x2	2x2	3x2	4x2	5x2	6x2	7x2	8x2	9x2	10x2
0x3	1x3	2x3	3x3	4x3	5x3	6x3	7x3	8x3	9x3	10x3
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0x6	1x6	2x6	3x6	4x6	5x6	6x6	7x6	8x6	9x6	10x6
0x7	1x7	2x7	3x7	4x7	5x7	6x7	7x7	8x7	9x7	10x7
0x8	1x8	2x8	3x8	4x8	5x8	6x8	7x8	8x8	9x8	10x8
0x9	1x9	2x9	3x9	4x9	5x9	6x9	7x9	8x9	9x9	10x9
0x10	1x10	2x10	3x10	4x10	5x10	6x10	7x10	8x10	9x10	10x10

1. Use multiplication flashcards that you purchase or make, and run through them a few times a day.
2. Ask your child random math facts throughout the day
3. Play a multiplication card game: Get a deck of cards, deal them out. Each player flips over 2 at a time. Multiply the cards and the person with the greatest total, collects all of the cards. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end.

Have a wonderful summer.

B'Shalom,

The 4th Grade Team