



PERIMETER SCHOOL
A Covenant Christian Community

Rising Fourth Grade Information

In school, fourth graders typically face new challenges and expectations. For example, fourth graders are expected to have made the shift from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." They usually face an increased homework load and more traditional instructional practices, such as end-of-unit tests and letter grades.

To help your child make a smooth transition, it is important to be consistent with practicing habits and routines while guarding your family time as increased academic and extracurricular demands occur. We desire that your child continue to develop and grow academically and spiritually this upcoming year as we partner together. Below are a few ideas to work on this summer.

Summertime Cursive Practice -

Spend 5-10 minutes twice a week. Be sure your student is sitting with good posture, has the paper slanted properly, and has a correct pencil grip.

Here are some things your child could copy in cursive that might also help keep things fresh in his/her mind:

- A verse or verses from the Scripture passage for next year
- A paragraph or two from his/her summer reading book
- List of family members' first and middle names with city and state of birth
- Days of the week, months of the year
- Books of the Bible (20 per day)
- First/last names of friends from the yearbook
- Write a letter to someone - address the envelope, too.
- Number words, e.g., "one, two ... twenty ... thirty ..."

Math Refresher -

Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. Flash cards are helpful to keep those skills sharp over the summer.

Reading -

As your child does his/her summer reading, make sure some of it is done aloud. This will allow you to notice strengths and weaknesses, which will give you an increased understanding to share with his/her fourth grade teacher. We desire to know your child, and this provides a wonderful opportunity for us to help you.