

Dear 4th graders,

Welcome to 4th grade! I am so excited to get to know you next year. To be ready for 4th grade there are a few activities you need to complete during the summer:

1. Read *Fourth Grade Rats* by Jerry Spinelli and fill out the attached assignment. It is due the first week of school.
2. Practice math for at least 8 hours using either Freckle OR Prodigy. You and your parents can decide which one is a better fit for you. You can also use both!
 - Freckle is a fun way to practice. There are videos you can watch when you are unsure of what to do. I recommend the math fact practice, the operations and algebraic thinking path, and the base 10 path. You can do any of the math that looks interesting to you. There is also an You login to [freckle.com](https://www.freckle.com) using your legal first and last name and this class code: [V8FNU9](#). There is also ELA, science, and social studies. You can use those, but do not have to.
 - Prodigy is a more game based way to practice math. The program gives you hints to help you solve problems. The first few times you login the program will be figuring out exactly what math is just right for you, so you might see some problems that are very easy and some you may not know yet. There is a membership option that is completely unnecessary, but the program will ask you to sign up for it after completing activities. It does not change the game. You login in to [prodigygame.com](https://www.prodigygame.com) with your school Gmail account and this class code: [B3C718](#)
3. Have fun and enjoy your summer! I can't wait to hear all about it.

See you in August,
Mrs. Schwartz

cschwartz@rasg.org if you have any trouble logging in to either program.



Name: _____

Fourth Grade Rats Summer Homework

Answer these questions after you finish the book. Please answer them in complete sentences with capitals and punctuation.

Who is the main character in *Fourth Grade Rats*? How would you describe him?

In the book Suds feels a lot of pressure from Joey to behave like a rat. Suds learns that it is important to do what is right even when it is hard. Write about a time you did the right thing even though it was hard.

Another lesson that Suds learns is that growing up means taking responsibility for your actions. Write about a time that you took responsibility for a mistake you made.

Suds notices that when he was mean to other kids it made him feel bad and he realizes that is not who he wants to be. He wants to be kind. I want you to think about kind things you have done this summer, kind things you have seen other people do, or kind things that have been done for you. Write about 5 kind things from this summer.

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