

Dear Parents,

When August rolls around, I like to dive right into my curriculum without spending a great deal of time reviewing skills from the previous year. One way to make sure our students hit the ground running when school begins is to keep their skills fresh all summer long with a variety of learning activities.

This summer I would like to focus on an area that many of my students have a tendency to neglect during the summer: writing! Fourth grade is the year of the Writing STAAR test.

Summer Writing Journal



During the first week of summer break, students need to create a summer writing journal using a composition notebook and a cover they design. They can also create/choose a special “summer writing pen” to go with their journal.

Students are encouraged to write in their journal each day in order to keep a log of their summer vacation.

The summer notebook can also be used for any type of writing such as poetry, songs, or as simple as thoughts and feelings.

I would also like the students during the last week of summer break to write a letter to the fourth grade teachers. The letter should include an introduction, as well as what they expect in fourth grade, what they will love learning, how they should behave, and what they expect from their teachers. Students should also state one advice for their new teacher. These letters will be put in the hall as part of our "welcome back" bulletin board this fall, and our writers will love seeing their work displayed as they start the new school year as fourth graders. The summer journal and the letter should be submitted the first day of school.

Write On!

Mrs. DeGrand

P.S. I am attaching writing prompts in case it is needed.

