

Dear Parents of Rising 4th Graders,

This summer your child will be required to read Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, by Judy Blume. I suggest that the book be read as close to the beginning of the school year as possible. Students will be assigned graded exercises related to their understanding of the book as well as participating in discussions related to it. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO TAKE THE AR QUIZ FOR THIS BOOK OVER THE SUMMER. Everyone will have the opportunity to test on the book once our book study is complete. Please send your copy of the book to school when we start in August.

In addition to the assigned book, your child is encouraged to continue his or her excellent habit of spending time reading each day while enjoying summer break! As you can see from the data below, spending just 20 minutes of reading time each day will make a dramatic difference in your child's success in the upcoming school year. AR testing is open at Kenston on Wednesdays from 9-12. I have attached a reading log on the back of this letter. Please record the books your child reads over the summer. I can't wait for an awesome year in 4th grade! See you in August.

Have a fantastic summer!

Brittany Barnes

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

