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SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE

Lower School
STEP-UP PACKET
2026-2027

4th Grade



Episcopal 4th Grade Summer Reading

[Reading Log](#) - Keep reading this summer and track your reading on this reading log! Here is a list of series your child might want to read this summer.

Level Q	<p>All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor Amazing Days of Abby Hayes by Anne Mazer American Girl by various authors Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi (Graphic Novels) Anastasia Krupnik by Lois Lowry B Magical by Lexi Connor Babymouse by Jennifer Holm (Graphic Novels) Bunnicula by James Howe Clarice Bean by Lauren Child Ellray Jakes by Sally Warner Fairy Realm by Emily Rodda Fudge by Judy Blume George Brown Class Clown by Nancy Krulik Hank the Cowdog by John Erickson Help! I'm Trapped... by Todd Strasser Humphrey Series by Betty Birney If You Lived... by Ann McGovern/Ellen Levine Little House by Laura Ingalls Wilder Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater Peter Powers Series by Little, Brown and Company Race the Wild Series by Kristin Earhart Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sachar Timmy Failure Series by Pastes Stephan Vet Volunteers by Laurie Halse Anderson</p>
Level R	<p>Andrew Clements School Series by Andrew Clements Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl Chet Gecko by Bruce Hale Clarice Bean by Lauren Child Culpepper Adventures by Gary Paulsen Deltora Quest by Emily Rodda Detecting Disasters by North Star Editions Dive trilogy by Gordon Korman Hank Zipzer, The World's Greatest Underachiever by Henry Winkler Hatchet Adventures by Gary Paulsen How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell Kidnapped trilogy by Gordon Korman Magic Treehouse Fact Tracker by Mary Pope Osborne Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry On the Run by Gordon Korman Shredderman by Wendelin Van Draanen Something Wickedly Weird by Chris Mould The Witches by Roald Dahl Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White</p>

Level S	<p>11 Birthdays Series by Wendy Mass</p> <p>... According to Kaley by Dian Curtis Regan</p> <p>Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi</p> <p>Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School by Andrew Clements</p> <p>Borrowers by Mary Norton</p> <p>Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate</p> <p>Dog Diaries by Kate Klimo</p> <p>Dragons of Deltora by Emily Rodda</p> <p>Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler</p> <p>Five Kingdoms by Vivian French</p> <p>From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg</p> <p>Million Dollar by Dan Gutman</p> <p>My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen</p> <p>My Teacher... by Bruce Coville</p> <p>Nora Notebooks by Claudia Mills</p> <p>Poppy by Avi and Brian Floca</p> <p>Sarah's Journey West by Nikki Shannon Smith</p> <p>Saxby Smart, Private Detective by Simon Cheshire</p> <p>Smells Like Dog by Suzanne Selfors</p> <p>Swindle by Gordon Korman</p> <p>Tuesday at the Castle by Jessica Day George</p> <p>The Doll People by Ann Martin and Laura Godwin</p> <p>The Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park</p> <p>The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate</p> <p>New Kid by Jerry Craft</p>
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Write over the summer too! Here are a few ideas for your child.	
Journal	Buy a small spiral notebook and invite your child to decorate the cover with a special summer theme. Invite your child to journal a bit each day. If you keep one too, you'll be modeling the importance of writing. Your child could write about adventures from each day and hopes for the next day.
Persuasive Writing	All children have strong opinions about one thing or another, so encourage them to persuade you through writing! Go to a water park? Buy a new toy? Invite over a friend? Ask them to convince you through their writing!
Thank you notes or email a teacher	These are great ways to encourage writing -- take time to remind your child to write thank you notes this summer -- and ask them to write or email their teacher once in a while!
Compose a song	Most children love to write poetry - and poems are often like songs -- so if your child enjoys either - give them encouragement and time to be creative - and make sure someone is ready to listen and enjoy their creative work!
Make lists	Lists are great ways to encourage writing. And when the list is meaningful to the child, the motivation is high. If you're heading out to the grocery store, ask your child to write the list for you. Packing for a trip? Ask your child to create his/her own packing list. Setting goals for the day? Ask your child to make a to-do list!

All Lower School Students	
Family game night	This is a great way to have fun with math! Many games encourage counting, flexible thinking, problem-solving, strategic thinking, multi-step problem-solving, spatial reasoning, pattern recognition, resource management ... and so on! Here are a few of our favorites, and here are a few other sites with great ideas: • mindresearch.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understood.org • discoverexplorelern.com
Cook together	There's tons of math in cooking! From measuring the ingredients to setting the oven temperature and timer to determining how many portions a meal will make -- and it's fun too!
Calendar	Encourage your child to keep a calendar on the wall. Give your child a list of the events s/he will do this summer and put them to work by filling in the calendar. From time to time, ask your child calendar questions -- How many more days until Sunday? When do we go to the library? What day of the week is that? How many more days until school ends? And so on!
Practice Counting on	Give your child a group of objects (ex: 3 blocks). Count the blocks together. Give them more objects (ex: 4 more blocks) and have them practice counting without recounting the first group (3, 4, 5, 6, 7).
One more, One less	Give your child a group of objects. Ask "If I give you one more, how many would you have? If I take one away, how many would you have left?"
Practice Patterning	Have your child create a pattern with objects found in your home (Legos, race cars, Fruit Loops, crayons, items from nature, etc). Start first by making an AB pattern. Once your child has mastered that, move to more challenging patterns ABC, AABB.
Classify and sort found objects	These can be objects from your home (blocks, Legos, coins) or nature (rocks, flowers, leaves). Have your child sort the objects by different properties (size, color, shape, material, etc). Then, have them think of another way to classify objects and explain their organizational system to you.

Use mathematical vocabulary in familiar contexts	Sometimes we feel like we have to water down the way we talk to children, but if a child can get their mouth ready to say "tyrannosaurus rex," you would be surprised by the vocabulary they are ready to learn. (Perimeter, greater than, fewer, equal, octagon, positional words like behind, over, etc.)
Grade 1-5 Students	
Pay with cash/coins	Encourage your child to save his/her own money and buy things on their own. By counting cash and coins for real-world reasons, their motivation to use money skills will surely stay fresh! And encourage them to determine change. If something costs \$2.89 and your child pays with \$3, how much change will they get

	back?
Facts	<p>Math facts are often practiced with flashcards, but children learn facts best with manipulatives or by skip counting, <i>seeing</i> numbers as groups. Use objects (such as buttons or beads) to make groups -- see if your child can find all the different ways to make 10s or 20s for addition or make different groups for multiplication. Also for x facts, make games out of skip counting -- race to see who can get to 70 first, counting by 7s. Or skip count by 4's while you walk together. Children have an easier time learning the facts if they know strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategies for Addition ● Strategies for Subtraction ● Strategies for Multiplication
Summer Math Skills Review Workbook	<p>This summer review book provides a review of the grade level just completed. Because most lessons only take about 20 minutes, students can easily fit them into their busy summer schedules without added screen time. It includes tutorial pages for students to review the mechanics of each type of problem encountered in the book. An answer key is also included for grades 1-3. Solution pages are included for 4th grade and up. To purchase the workbook online for \$19.00, click here and purchase the workbook for the grade level that your child just completed.</p>
Analog watch	<p>If your child doesn't have one - buy one and ask them often to tell time and practice elapsed time -- for example, if you're heading to the park at 10:00, and it's 8:30, ask them how much longer until you need to leave.</p>
Math Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11 free math sites and games ● KenKen Puzzles ● Sudoku For Kids Online

2026-2027 FOURTH GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

--Please do not write names or other information on materials. The students will do this as directed by their teacher.

All Fourth Grade Students

- 1 zippered navy-blue bank bag-
- 1 Avery Durable View 3 Ring Binder, 1 Inch EZD Rings, 1 White Binder (09301)
- 1 pack of 5 tabs Durable Write-on Plastic Dividers with pockets (colorful); link [here](#). (Avery 16176)
- 2 1 subject Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook; 70 sheets (1 Green and 1 Blue Covers)
- 1 3-subject Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook; 150 sheets (red cover)
- 2 (12-pack) #2 wooden pencils, sharpened
- 1 (24-pack) of Crayola colored pencils
- 2 Papermate "Flair" black felt tip pen l
- 1 Papermate "Flair" blue felt tip pens
- 1 Papermate "Flair" purple felt tip pens
- 1 Papermate "Flair" green felt tip pens
- 1 pack "Expo" fine tip 4 color set dry erase markers
- 1 Staples Cap Erasers, Pink, Dozen (10903)
- 1 heavy-duty plastic RED pocket folder (Not paper!)
- 1 large Elmer's glue stick -All Purpose White Glue Sticks
- 2 large boxes of "Kleenex" tissues
- 1 pack of 5-star brand Loose Leaf Paper, Notebook Paper, Wide Ruled Filler Paper) -
- 1 highlighter (no color preference) → Sharpie Brand (Thick sharpie-Chisel Tip)
- 1 container of "Clorox" wipes

Fourth Grade Boys

- 1 (4-pack) AA batteries
- 1 (8-pack) of washable Crayola Thin markers
- 1 24-count Ziploc Storage Quart Bags
- 1 pack of baby wipes

Fourth Grade Girls

- 1 roll of "Bounty" paper towels
- 1 (8-pack) of washable Crayola Thick markers
- 1 (24 count) Ziploc Gallon Size Bags
- 1 Hand Sanitizer (Purell Brand) 8oz bottle

Enrichment Supplies

- Art - 1 box of 12 black Sharpies, Ucreate sketch diary with 70, 1 bottle of Elmer's Liquid Glue, 1 Glue Stick, 1 poster board
- Library - 1 box of Kleenex
- French - 1 green 2-pocket **PAPER** folder
- Spanish - 1 green 2-pocket **PAPER** folder

Bring to School (you can bring from home if you already own)

- 1 pair of earbuds (no wireless or Bluetooth)
- 1 stylus that is compatible with the I-pads (Ex: Apple Pencil, Smart Stylus from Amazon)