



Dear LCC Day School Parents,

At the end of the school year, we find ourselves reflecting on all the wonderful memories we've created throughout the year. It's been an incredible journey of learning, growth, and fun, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

In preparation for the new year, please note the following can be found on the LCCDS website.

Summer of Success:

- Summer Reading: Rising grades 3 – 8 are required (see grade-level letter)
- Summer Math: Rising grades 3 – 8 are required (see grade-level letter)
- Summer Reading & Math: Rising grades 1 – 2 are not required but encouraged (see grade-level letter)

Additional VERY IMPORTANT information:

- Calendar Brief for 2024 - 2025
- Uniform Information for Kindergarten – 8th grade
- Student Supply List for Kindergarten – 8th grade

As we say goodbye for summer break, know that your child(ren) will always hold a special place in our hearts. Wishing you a summer filled with sunshine, laughter, and endless possibilities.

Alexis Walker

Jen Brady

P.S. Just a reminder that the curriculum fee (a one-time annual fee based on your student's grade-level curriculum/supplies) will be published and payable in August.



Dear Rising Fourth Graders,
Happy Summer! Congratulations on a wonderful third-grade year! We hope you have a fabulous summer enjoying what you love to do and experiencing new and exciting things. We want you to keep your brain strong while you are on break, so we have some opportunities to help you do this.

- For summer math enrichment, you will complete **15 math skills** on IXL by **August 14th**. On IXL, there are skills suggested just for you from the diagnostic test you took before summer vacation. This will review the skills you learned from third grade so you start fourth grade strong. You may work on IXL from a tablet, phone, or computer. Your teachers recommend you spend a little time each day reviewing and practicing. They will be able to see all your hard work and how well you are doing.

Go to [clever.com](https://www.clever.com) > click "Log in as a student" > click "Log in with Google" > choose your account or click "use another account" > your email is your first name, last initial @lccdayschool.com > **contact office if you don't have password** > you are in Clever > find and click on IXL > be sure your name is in the top right corner > under "What should I work on?" > click the third tab, "Recommendations" > math skills are marked with a triangular prism in the top left corner > begin practicing! > You are **finished** working on the skill when you **reach a SmartScore of 80. Please stop after 80 if it is causing frustration.**

- We encourage you to read, read, and read some more! On the back of this sheet, you will find a few books your teachers thought you might enjoy. The 2024-25 Sunshine State book list is also attached for recommended reading. Please list on the attached reading log all the amazing stories you read or listened to during the summer and return it to your new fourth-grade teacher on the first day of school.

Optional: (see directions above) click "Recommendations" > language arts skills are marked with a book in the top left corner > begin practicing! > You are **finished** working on the skill when you **reach a SmartScore of 80. Please stop after 80 if it is causing frustration.**

Each incoming fourth grader is required to **read one of the three books** listed below. These books will introduce you to our first theme: Westward Expansion. Feel free to read more than one book!

1. *The Oregon Trail: The Race to Chimney Rock*, by Jesse Wiley (Historical Fiction with 20 possible endings)
2. *Who Was Sacagawea* by Judith Bloom Fradin, Dennis Brindall Fradin (Biography)
3. *What Was the Lewis and Clark Expedition?* By Judith St. George (Biography)

You are required to complete **one project** on the book you chose from the list below. Your project is **due the first week of school**. Parents, please feel free to read and discuss the book with your child. This is a great opportunity to spend quality learning time together!

Project Ideas:

- Make a "billboard" (poster) to advertise your book. Be sure to include the title & author. Be creative and use color!
- Make a diorama showing the setting or main event from the book.
- Illustrate several pictures of the main events in the story to accompany the book. Be sure to write a caption under each picture that describes the event. Be prepared to tell the story to the class using the pictures.
- Create a comic strip of the main events in your book.
- Write a news article (with a creative headline!) that tells the story as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper during the time frame of your book.
- Make a mobile showing pictures or symbols of happenings in the book.
- Rewrite the story as a picture book. Be sure to include the main characters and important events in the story. Illustrate each page in sequence.

Reminders:

1. With each project you must include a written summary of the book; include the main characters, setting, and main idea of the story.
 2. Be Creative! These ideas are only suggestions.
 3. Enjoy ~ reading should be fun!
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Panther's Summer Reading Log

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At LCCDS we learn Spanish through stories, music, and games throughout the year. I hope we can continue the fun over the summer so we don't forget all we have learned. A few of my favorite ways to practice my Spanish at home are listed below.

- **Play Games-** There are many sites for games available but my favorite is Duolingo. Duolingo is a free app that allows users to practice new language skills in a fun, effective, and highly customized manner. Students complete mini-lessons, answer questions, translate, and more. The program assesses your language ability, and the lessons change to match it. Canticos app is also a free app that is great for younger learners that is bilingual with music, stories, and games.
- **Listen -** Podcasts are a great way to have students hear the language. A great one for beginners is “¡Cuéntame! Learn Spanish with Comprehensible Input” by Marta Ruiz Yedinak, which is the closest to how LCCDS teaches, using acquisition-driven learning. Another great option is the “Garbanzo Spanish podcast”, others include “Eat Your Spanish: A Spanish Learning Podcast for Kids and Families!” By: Evan Blum. For our intermediate Spanish speakers, there is “Spanish Stories for Kids”. Both of these podcasts are available anywhere you get your podcasts on Apple or Android.
- **Watch TV-** No I am not joking! We learn Spanish by acquiring it the same way we acquired our first language. TV shows that interest students are a great way to hear the language and see it in context. There are many stories and cartoons on YouTube, Hulu, HBO, and other streaming sites in Spanish to discover. My favorite way to watch Spanish shows is to find something I already enjoy and set the subtitles and audio to Spanish. Netflix and YouTube also have a feature to slow down the audio so that it can be slower and easier to understand.
- **Additional Resources-** spanishplayground.net has a plethora of comprehensible videos on YouTube. Rockalingua has a few free music, stories, and games but it is a paid service.

¡Feliz Verano! ¡Hasta agosto!

Happy Summer! See you in August!

Señora Bringas





Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2024-25 List for Grades 3-5



***The Aquanaut* by Dan Santat**

Five years after her father dies at sea, Sophia is living with her uncle Paul at the Aqualand marine theme park. When she encounters a robotic "aquanaut" breaking into the theme park lab, Sophia is surprised to discover it's piloted by four plucky sea creatures who discovered her father's equipment and journal. They are there to rescue their ocean friends, and Sophia is determined to help them succeed.



***The Big Sting* by Rachelle Delaney**

Leo, Lizzie, and their parents, extend a family vacation by stopping to visit their Grandpa on his Heron Island, Canada farm. Leo has never met someone so grumpy, but his mother says it's because he's grieving their grandmother, a beekeeper. Leo, who prefers taking risks via video games, rather than in real life, unexpectedly grows closer to his grandfather when he joins Lizzie and him on an adventure to discover the culprit behind grandma's missing beehives.



***Bound for Home* by Meika Hashimoto**

After being placed in a foster home with Meili and Jim, Emi is allowed to have a pet and picks out a misbehaving dog named Max who has a tendency to run away. When Emi learns changes will be happening in her family, she decides to run away with Max into the Maine woods outside her home. A stray cat named Red who'd once helped Max return home, decides to go after them and help them both find their way back home.



***The Cursed Moon* by Angela Cervantes**

Rafael Fuentes loves ghost stories and scary books, and even is a good tale-teller himself, delighting to scare his friends with stories he makes up on the spot. That is just what Rafa is doing when he makes up the story of the evil ghost known as the Caretaker, who lures kids into his pond never to be seen again. After telling this tale, strange things start happening around him, and Rafa is horrified to find that his story has brought the Caretaker ghost to reality--and it is after him.



***Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang**

When ten-year-old Lina Gao leaves China to live with her parents and sister, after five years apart, she must reckon with her hurt, anger, and curiosity and find a way to get her bearings in this new country--and the almost-new family that comes along with it.



***The Girl Who Built a Spider* by George Brewington**

After winning the County Science Fair, Theresa Brown, second-place winner Ashley, and third-place winner Jon, garner invitations from local inventor and scientist Dr. Flax to work in his laboratory for the summer and help him build a machine that will solve climate change. Theresa is all-in until she receives a mysterious late-night visit from a boy called Thomas Edison who implores her to help him stop Dr. Flax from creating a machine that will destroy the world.



***The Grip* by Marcus Stroman**

Young Marcus Stroman is determined to make it to the highest playing level he can, despite every coach telling him he's not tall enough to become a "real" pitcher. He'll show them...with some struggling and a whole lot of learning.



***Home Away from Home* by Cynthia Lord**

Mia is spending her summer with her grandmother in a small Maine town, expecting it to be an oasis of stability in her changing life, but there is a new know-it-all boy next door, and soon she finds herself competing with Cayman in identifying an injured bird of prey--and pretty much everything else.



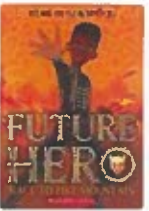
***Manatee Summer* by Evan Griffith**

Peter and his best friend Tommy have big plans before they both enter the sixth grade, namely, to document 100 creatures in their home state of Florida before summer ends. The only two members of their Discovery Club, the boys find a manatee in a river and take on the task of protecting it when they learn it's injured. Their exciting summer turns sour when Peter learns that Tommy will be moving away. Coupled with pressures to care for his ailing grandfather who has Alzheimer's disease, Peter is forced to face the difficulties in his life whether he wants to or not.



***Penny Draws: A Best Friend* by Sara Shepard**

Nobody said starting fifth grade would be easy, and Penny Lowry's anxiety means a million questions are always spinning through her thoughts. Luckily she's got a lot to look forward to, like her favorite after-school activity, Art Club, and seeing her best friend Violet again after spending the whole summer apart. The thing is, Violet has been acting weird ever since she got back. She never wants to hang out anymore, says Art Club is for babies, and spends all her time with Riley, the meanest girl in school. Did Penny do something wrong? And if she did, can she undo it?



***Future Hero: Race to Fire Mountain* by Remi Blackwood**

Ignored at home, teased at school for liking to draw instead of play sports, young Jarell has never felt a sense of belonging. One day, Jarell discovers a portal in the local barbershop that transports him to a magical world of gods and dangerous creatures, and everyone there believes Jarell is a prophesied hero.



***The Shelterlings* by Sarah Beth Durst**

Holly the gray squirrel was meant to be a wizard's familiar, but her only magic capability is to conjure up pastries-tasty, but mostly useless to wizards. Holly lives at the Shelter for Rejected Familiars, until an old friend comes up with an idea for her and the others to cure their supposedly defective magic. Holly and her friends embark on a quest to get ingredients for a special potion that can cure them, but along the way they may just discover their unique magic is just what they need.



***Treasure in the Lake* by Jason Pamment**

Friends since grade school, adventurous Iris and homebody Sam, wander together around their small village of Bugden to satisfy Iris' wanderlust. When they happen upon a dry riverbed at the edge of town, they discover an abandoned city that used to be submerged below the water. There they meet a mysterious girl named Lily, who gladly takes them on a tour. However, Sam and Iris have questions about the girl, namely, whether or not she is a ghost and whether or not they can return from wherever she wants to take them.



***The Ultimate Goal: The Good Sports League* by Tommy Greenwald**

Ben Cutler loves playing soccer for the Anchovies, a casual recreation league team, and he's really good at it. Then he is recruited for an elite travel team and playing on this team is intense. Although Ben is winning with this team, he's not having fun. Now Ben must make an important decision about his future in soccer.



***When Sea Becomes Sky* by Gillian McDunn**

Bex and Davey's summer in the saltmarsh is different this year, thanks to the record-breaking drought. Even the fish seem listless-and each day the water level lowers farther. When they discover a mysterious underwater statue, they're thrilled at the chance to solve the puzzle of its origin. When they learn of a development plan that will destroy their special spot, they'll need to act quickly. Unfortunately, sometimes progress and change happens, whether you're ready or not.