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Dear Parents:

The 4th grade teachers want new students coming in the fall to be prepared and ready. Below we have created a list of *suggested* school supplies, skills, and expectations that will help your child succeed as an upper grader.

Suggested Supplies

- A Backpack or book bag to carry items to and from school
- A zippered pouch for supplies
- A hand-held sharpener - Very important (must not be battery operated)
- Extra pencils (each student should carry 5 sharp pencils at all times)
- A package of classic markers and a box of colored pencils
- A thin homework folder

What Not to Have

- Plastic or rigid pencil boxes (they don't fit in the desk and children play with them)
- Mechanical pencils (refilling with lead takes time, the lead spills, children tend to write too lightly with them)
- Large, zippered binders (cumbersome, don't fit in desk, and takes up too much space in the backpack)

Skills for Success

- Addition and subtraction facts
- Multiplication and division facts up to 12
- Writing a strong, organized paragraph (narrative and descriptive)
- Reading fluency
- Cursive

Expectations

Your child will be coming from a class of 20 students into a class of 34+ students so we expect:

- Best behavior at all times
- 100% effort on all assignments
- Showing character both in and out of the classroom

Additional Suggestions and Information

Please set aside at least one hour per day to have your child review and practice the above skills. During the summer finish at least one chapter book every 2 weeks. Consider joining the North Torrance Library's Summer Reading Program. Keep a summer writing journal to keep up writing and cursive skills. The assignment for the summer reading book for 4th grade will be your child's first reading grade and will count for the report card. Finally, relax and enjoy your time off!

Thank you,

Edison 4th Grade Teachers