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Dear Parent of a Future Fourth Grader,

A new school year is always an exciting time and something to look forward to. There are a few things I would like to make you aware of for this upcoming school year.

The supplies your child will need for the coming school year have already been ordered. The cost of these supplies is approximately \$30.00; you will receive a bill in September. Please do not purchase any items on your own, everything has been taken care of and **you are required to pay the fee**. An additional item you will need to purchase on your own is clear contact paper. Please stock up on this over the summer, as it is a hot ticket item once school begins and becomes very hard to find.

Each student is to bring with them 2 rolls of paper towel, 2 boxes of tissues, a bottle of pump hand sanitizer, and a container of Clorox wipes. Please be generous with your donation, as these items are very important to keeping our class clean and safe.

Please refer to the school handbook before purchasing school uniforms for the year. This is especially important when purchasing school shoes. Uniform inspections will be done on a regular basis and uniform demerits will be issued to students not in the official school uniform.

Attached you will find your child's summer assignment. Your child is required to complete one Cereal Box Book Report for the book read over the summer. This assignment is due by Friday, September 6th . This is not an optional assignment and will count as the first two ELA grades for the trimester (written report and oral presentation). The book choices are attached and should be available at your local library, book store, or online for purchase. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete. Take turns reading with your child each day for 20 minutes; this is the best way to improve reading and vocabulary skills.

Your child is **required to have multiplication facts up to 12 memorized** – no fingers! Please review these daily. This is extremely important! They can use First in Math – Just the Facts to help with memorization.

I hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to working with your child in September!

God bless you,

Mrs. Jessica Gardner
Book Choices

- ❑ *Because of Winn-Dixie* - DiCamillo, Kate
 - o Because of Winn-Dixie, a big, ugly, happy dog, 10-year-old Opal learns 10 things about her long-gone mother from her preacher father. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal makes new friends among the somewhat unusual residents of her new hometown, Naomi, Florida. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal begins to find her place in the world and let go of some of the sadness left by her mother's abandonment seven years earlier.
- ❑ *The Lemonade War* – David, Jacqueline
 - o Fourth-grader Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart, but not especially good with people. So when the siblings' lemonade stand war begins, there really is no telling who will win—or even if their fight will ever end. Brimming with savvy marketing tips for making money at any business, definitions of business terms, charts, diagrams, and even math problems, this fresh, funny, emotionally charged novel subtly explores how arguments can escalate beyond anyone's intent.
- ❑ *Bud, Not Buddy* – Curtis, Christopher Paul
 - o It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan, and when 10-year-old Bud decides to hit the road to find his father, nothing can stop him.
- ❑ *Henry Huggins* – Cleary, Beverly
 - o Henry Huggins feels that nothing very interesting ever happens to him. But from the moment a stray dog in the drugstore begs for a taste of his ice-cream cone and downs it in one gulp, everything is different. Henry names the dog Ribsy and decides to keep him. Before Henry even reaches home with Ribsy he spends all of his money, gets kicked off three buses, and enjoys a hair-raising ride in a police car. And that's only the beginning of Henry's exciting new life!