

Dear Parents,

I'm looking forward to having a lot of fun with my family over the summer. I'm certain you feel the same way. I truly don't want getting ready for fourth grade to be the only thing anyone in your home discusses for the entire summer. There are a couple of things I would love for your son/daughter to work on this summer to help him/her prepare for fourth grade reading. Statistics show that a child's reading level drops four months if no reading is done over the summer. I've decided to give a choice of two different books this summer. The story Clementine by Sara Pennypacker is a funny story about a girl who just finds trouble everywhere. The story School's Out by Johanna Hurwitz is a story about a boy who finds ways to make his summer with his French au pair interesting. Please choose either of the two books.

There is one other thing I would like your child to do this summer. I would like him/her to keep a reading log of all of the wonderful books that are read over the summer. Click on the following link <http://www.gaschool.org/template/docs/2007SummerReadingLog.pdf> for a copy of the log. I will be collecting it on the first day of school. Please sign the log after each book is read.

The main thing is just to enjoy your time with your child/children. I watch my eight-year-old son, Andrew, grow right in front of my eyes. I don't want to waste a minute of our time together. I know you feel the same way. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to meeting you in August.

Sincerely,
Nancy Bellamah