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Dear Fourth Graders,

I hope your summer has been refreshing and stress-free. As the last few weeks of vacation wind down, each of you should be finishing your summer reading (and, you should ride your bike or take hikes often). Please make sure that you have taken the quizzes (or are prepared to take the tests when school starts) on **five** Accelerated Reader books. We recommend that you complete the tests shortly after you finish a book. If your book is not an AR book, no worries; you can just write a short summary for me. Email me if you have questions/concerns... pick books that interest you (it's not a competition).

I can't wait to hear about your favorite book, and about your summer adventures! Please come to school the first day with at least ONE great picture (or 2 or 3...) that represents your summer. I would like you to be in the picture, if possible. I will do the same. Do you have a funny story to tell? We will be heading outside often in September and October, so always come dressed ready to head out! (Please bring a hat to leave at school.) We have several new students, too, so be ready to welcome them with open arms (socially distant open arms!)

Obviously, the start of school will be a little bit different this year. You will not be able to use the cubbies, and we can't really share class supplies like we normally do. You will have your own supplies, and I'm sure we will adjust as the year progresses:

- backpack for all of your daily supplies
- Pencils and erasers (start with at least 12)
- Black and blue pens (3 each)
- Pencil case (for use in a three-ring binder)
- 50 sheets of loose leaf paper to start
- One composition notebook
- One three-ring binder with section separators for all of your classes (not individual 3-ring binders for every class)
- 2 pocket folders
- simple calculator
- ruler with cm. and inches

All my best,

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