

Brandon Academy Summer Reading and Math Practice



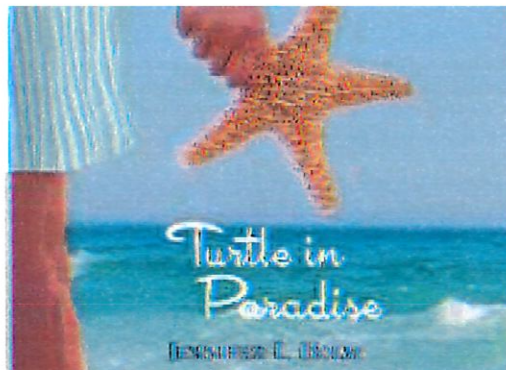
Fourth Grade

*“Books train your mind to
imagination to think big”*

– Taylor Swift

This year the theme for the Brandon Academy Summer Reading is “Florida and Florida Authors.” When the students return to school in August, the first three days will have activities relating to the book and the theme, “Florida and Florida Authors.”

- The fourth grade required book to be read is ***Turtle in Paradise*** by Jennifer L. Holm.
- Pick one of the following activities to complete about the book:
 - Take one of life’s lessons that turtles teach you, write it on a poster, and draw a picture to depict the meaning. Be creative.
 - Research turtles and ways in which people are helping to protect turtles. Make a powerpoint to educate us about how we can protect sea turtles.
 - Make a Flour Sack Dress for a doll (Barbie, etc.) Directions are attached.
 - Create a replica of the Empire State Building to bring to class on the first day of school. (Materials can be legos, popsicle sticks, etc.) The directions are attached.
- The second reading assignment is to have your child read one book from the attached **Battle of the Books List**.
 - Fill out the attached form with the title of the book read, have your child draw a picture and write a sentence of his/her favorite part of the book.



*Another great summer review resource is Summer Bridge Activities Workbooks available on Amazon for the transition from Third Grade to Fourth Grade.



The Great Depression: Flour Sack Dresses

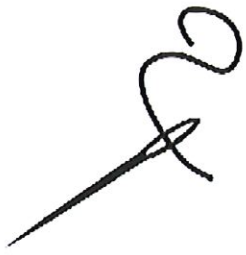


During the great depression, men, women and children were forced to save the little money they had by being frugal and using their resources to the best of their ability.

One way in which women showed their ingenuity was by using the flour sack that their food came in to create dresses and other clothing for their families. The flour sack dresses became so popular that food companies started printing patterns and designs on their cloth sacks to help women create more appealing clothing designs.



Imagine you are a housewife during the 1930s and you need to design an outfit for your son or daughter. Using the scraps of fabric and the tools you have available to you, create the best clothing design possible. We will be having a fashion show of your designs at the end of class and will be voting on a winner! Be creative and HAVE FUN!



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Student Examples



The Empire State building in New York City was built during the Depression. The steel-framed skyscraper of 102 stories was completed in 1931 and was the tallest building in the world until 1971.

Construction of the Empire State Building began on March 17, 1930. The stock market crashed in October of 1929 and the Great Depression began to take hold. Construction continued and proved to be an important source of jobs in New York City. The building opened on May 1, 1931 and was built in 1 year and 45 days!

*** Build a replica of the Empire State building. You may use any materials available such as legos, popsicle sticks, etc. Try to make the building 102 stories and close to the original design of the building. Bring your completed model to school on the first day!**

Have fun and be creative!





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.



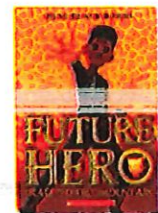
Manatee Summer by Evan Griffith

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

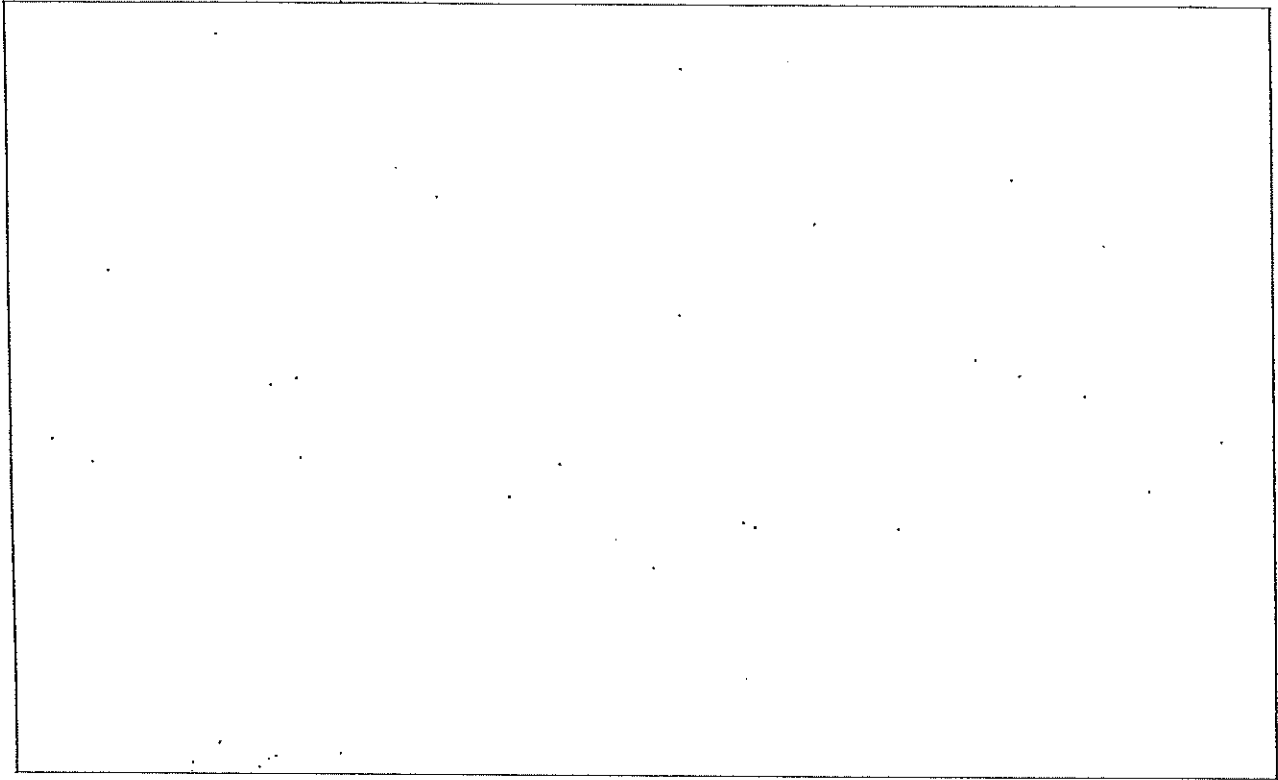
Bex and Davey's summer in the saltmarsh is different this year, thanks to the record-breaking drought. Even the fish seem listless-and each day the water level lowers farther. When they discover a mysterious underwater statue, they're thrilled at the chance to solve the puzzle of its origin. When they learn of a development plan that will destroy their special spot, they'll need to

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Grade: _____

Title of Book: _____

Draw a picture and write a sentence about your favorite part of the book.





Let's get to work on summer learning!

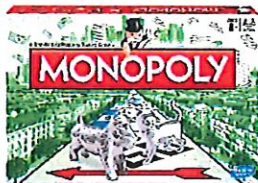
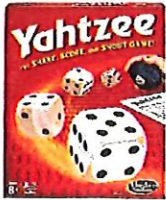
Below are the math recommendations we are suggesting for 4th & 5th Graders to be prepared for next year.



Students should earn a green dot in Reflex Math three times each week. Without practice, Math skills decline.



www.khanacademy.com has great videos to reteach concepts. Please remember that Brandon Academy students have an advanced math curriculum. If searching a grade level to review, incoming 4th graders should choose 4th grade math to review and incoming 5th grade should choose 5th grade math to review.



Play math games. Games like Yahtzee, Racko, Blokus, Set, and Monopoly all rely on skills necessary for math, such as counting, categorizing, and building.

Please return the bottom of the page during the first week of school. Have a great summer!

I verify that my child has met the summer math requirement for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____