

Ideas for Outgoing 4th Graders

Language Arts

READ. Read a little every day, or a lot just some days. Read things you enjoy and that make you think. Stretch yourself and read more and more challenging books. Mix it up and try out a new genre or a book you wouldn't typically reach for. **TALK** about books with your friends, family, or even pets! Don't lose all the hard work you did during the past school year by not including some reading time into your summer routine.

Read about your world. [Newsela](#) builds nonfiction literacy and awareness of world events by providing access to hundreds of fresh news articles (you can filter by grade). Other good sources of quality nonfiction include [Time for Kids](#) online and many [children's magazines](#) offered by Cricket Media, National Geographic, and other publishers.

Don't love reading print books? Warm up your ears instead and try out some of the great options for **audiobooks**! Try the Sora or Libby apps to borrow digital and audiobooks for free from the library, continue using Learning Ally if you have an account, or consider a subscription such as Epic ([only \\$11.99 for the whole summer!](#)) or Audible. Experiencing stories helps build vocabulary, comprehension, and appreciation for literature.

Join a book club or summer reading program. Get friendly with the [Hunterdon County Library](#) for more great kids resources, programs, and book clubs that are available and worth checking out. Take a look at some [booklists](#) if you're looking for something new to read. Join my class on [Whooo's Reading](#) to log books and complete quizzes to check your comprehension. Consider participating in the ATSD Summer Reading Academy if you were invited.

Other Suggestions

Don't forget to **WRITE**! Keep a journal and write about things you see or experience. Capture a small moment to share with others. Spend time creating characters and stories to develop your inner author and building your writing stamina. **Practice your cursive!** Use your book for help when

needed, but try to write something in cursive every day to build your fluency.

Follow and interact with your favorite authors on social media with your family.

Keep in touch! Keep in touch with your friends, family, classmates and teachers via email or snail mail.

Mathematics

Keep up with your **MATH SKILLS** using IXL, Prodigy, or Khan Academy. You should be a MASTER of *everything* fourth grade to make sure you start off next year with a strong foundation. Check out the IXL summer skill plans, or complete the Khan Academy 4th grade mission. You should still have access to most of the programs we used in class this year. Consider participating in the ATSD Summer Math Academy if you were invited.

Other ideas are to do some cooking or baking together as a family to practice measuring skills, or tackling some small building or design projects to get some “real-world problem solving” in over the summer months. Have fun with it!

In fifth grade you will build on everything you learned this year. **In order to make consistent progress in math, you will need to be fluent with your basic math facts.** Fluency in these facts becomes imperative in order to solve increasingly complex problems as you move through school. Don't let this hold you back! Practice your facts!

