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Dear Third Grade Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited that your child will be beginning fourth grade in the fall! In an effort to prepare your third grader for fourth grade, **we ask that your child read one of the three books from the list below before returning to BES in September.**

- 1. Big Nate: My Gerbil Ate my Homework**
- 2. Any nonfiction animal book**
- 3. Any sports book (fiction OR nonfiction)**

These books may be found at your local library, getepic.com (using 3rd grade login), your personal library at home, or, if you wish, you may purchase the book, but that is not required.

When your child returns to school in September, they will participate in a book club activity centered around identifying the genre and story elements related to the book they read. This activity will correlate with the following fourth grade standards:

- SL.4.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- L.4.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- L.4.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
- RL.4.2. Determine the key details to identify themes in a story, drama, or poem and summarize the text.
- RL.4.3. Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
- RL.4.9. Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.

We appreciate your help with this and look forward to meeting your child in the fall!

~The Fourth Grade Teachers