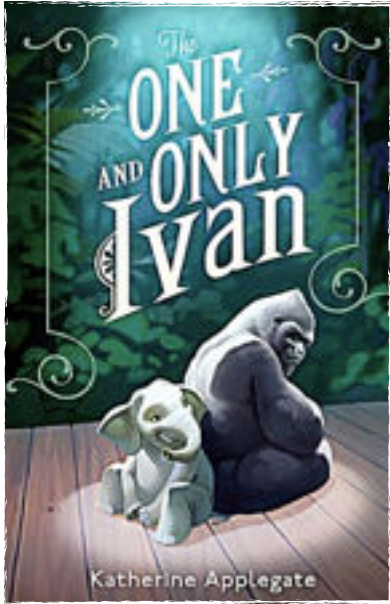


SUMMER  
2016

4th Grade



Did you know that over the course of the 2 month summer break, the typical student loses one month of Spelling skills, 2 months of Math computation skills, and Reading comprehension drops by as much as 6 months? Even more interesting? Research has shown that summer learning loss is accumulating and that it follows a student through middle and high school, as well as, college. Teachers spend the first 4-6 weeks of school re-teaching what was lost over the summer. It is for this reason that NCS has chosen to take a proactive approach to summer work. We are committed to our students and want to provide them with opportunities to “keep the wheels turning” over the summer. With that in mind, we have created summer work that shouldn’t be viewed as a burden, but as “daily exercise” for the mind.

## SUMMER READING

### Book#1 - The One and Only Ivan

This summer, your 4th grader’s required reading will be The One and Only Ivan. This wonderful book is an easy reader that will quickly draw you in. We will begin 4th grade ELA by doing activities with this book.

### Book#2 - Your Choice

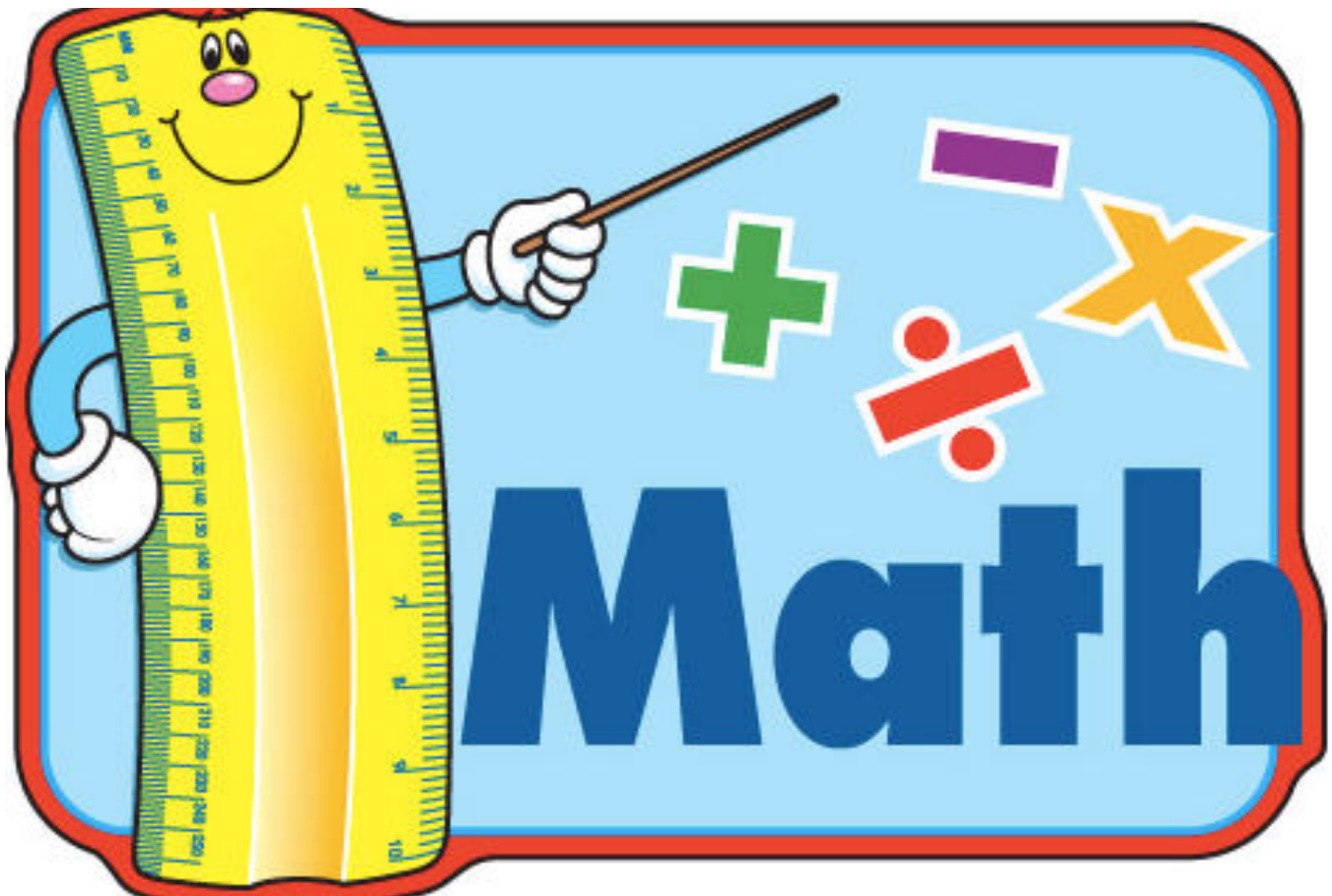
The second book is a book of your choice! Your child may read any CHAPTER book of their choice. The book should be an AR level of at least 3.5. You can find all AR book levels by visiting [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com).

Once your child has completed both books, please have them write me a letter for each book sharing whether or not they liked the books, why, their favorite part, and whether or not they would recommend them to a friend. The letters can be mailed together to: Mrs. Greenlee, 126 River Bend Drive, Pegram, TN 37143

I pray that you all have a wonderful summer with your families! I’m already planning for the fall, and I’m looking forward to having your children for the 2016 - 2017 school year! Mrs. Greenlee  
Questions? [greenlees@nashvillechristian.org](mailto:greenlees@nashvillechristian.org)

# SUMMER MATH

## 4th Grade



### **xtraMath**

xtraMath is a non-profit program that allows students to practice daily math facts for free, all while keeping the child's teacher informed of their progress.

This summer, your child should work on xtraMath 5 days a week. My suggestion is to have them do this Monday - Friday and take a break on the weekends. After the initial testing is done on the first day (which takes 15-20 minutes), your child will spend no more

than 10 minutes a day on xtraMath. I will be following their progress throughout the summer. Knowing multiplication facts is VITAL to success in 4th grade math.

Please follow the directions on the xtraMath printout that was given to you. The directions will get your child logged in and also give you access to their progress.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me anytime.

# Summer of Service

## Nashville Christian School



### Summer Service Project

As part of our summer work, each elementary student should complete one service project. This project must be done for someone or an organization outside of your home. The options are endless and the potential is great! Ideas?

- ▶ Help a neighbor with yard work
- ▶ Volunteer to serve at a food bank
- ▶ Donate your profits from a lemonade stand
- ▶ Pick up trash in your neighborhood
- ▶ Be creative! There are opportunities to serve each and every day!

As you are working on your project, take pictures when possible. Once your project is complete, create a presentation to share with your class when you return to school in August. The sky is the limit! Write a paper, make a poster, create a Powerpoint/Keynote.....it's up to you! Have fun with this and look for other opportunities to serve along the way! You'll love the feeling of knowing you have helped someone!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10