

**SUMMER**  
**2021**  
**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 practice that shouldn’t be seen as work, but instead, an opportunity to “exercise your brain”. If you present this as an opportunity for your child to “grow their brain” rather than a daily chore, you’ll find that most students will easily make it a part of their daily routine.

# **SUMMER READING BOOK TOWERS**

4th grade LOVES building book towers! We will build book towers the entire school year, so summer break is an EXCELLENT time to practice your building skills! It’s easy! We are challenging all rising 4th graders to read 20 books over the summer. Attached, you will find your student’s first “Book Tower Challenge” reading list. The 20 books range over 14 different genres, keeping your student interested and challenged at the same time. Need help finding books for the individual genres? Start online or at your local library. If you don’t have any luck there, feel free to email us....we’ll be happy to make some suggestions! Your student’s goal is to complete the reading list by the time they come back to school. As books are read, simply have your child check them off of the list. We would LOVE to see their completed list when they return! Even better, flip the list over and have them write the titles of the books they read. There will be an extra little “something” for those students that complete their list! Have fun! There are MILLIONS of incredible books just waiting to be read by the pool!

**We pray you have a wonderful summer! We are so excited about working with your student! It’s going to be an awesome year!**

**Shelley Greenlee and Lily Coradazzi**

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# The **Tower of Books** Challenge

DIRECTIONS: To accomplish The Tower of Books Challenge, you must read the correct number of books from each category below. After reading one, check off a box. Then add a cut-out-book to your stack! (You do not have to complete the categories in order.)

## category:

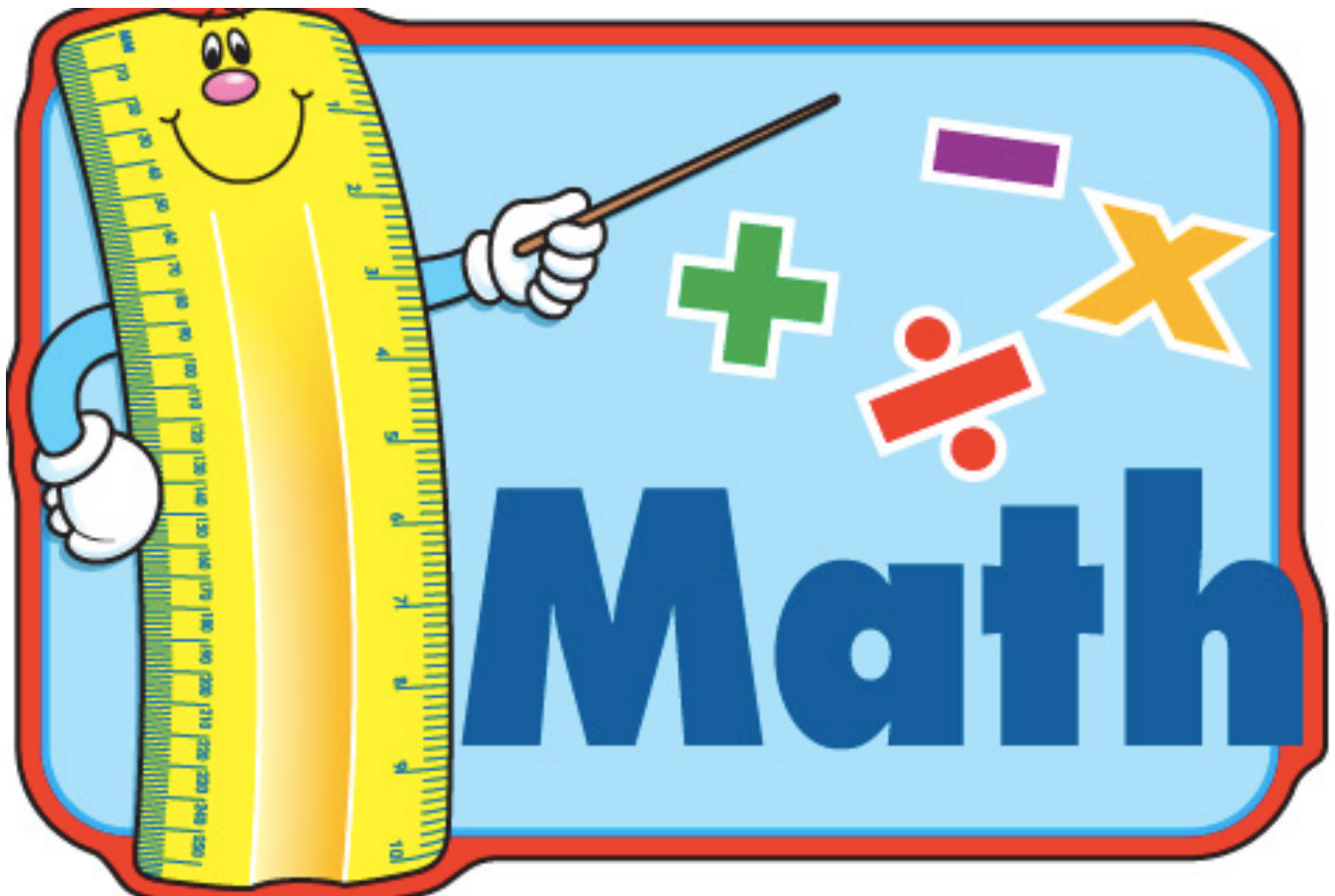
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Picture Books by the same author
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Books from one series you've not read
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Informational Books on the same topic
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Caldecott Medal Picture Books
- ☐ 1 Newbery Medal Chapter Book
- ☐ 1 Collection of Poems
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ 2 Folktales
- ☐ ☐ 2 Mysteries
- ☐ ☐ 2 Historical Fiction Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Biographies
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 5 Magazine or Newspaper Articles
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 "Your Choice" Chapter Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 "Your Choice" Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 "Your Choice" Informational Books

**= 40 BOOKS!**

The "original" Edition

# 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 at least 3 days a week. My suggestion is to have them do this Monday, Wednesday, and 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 BEFORE 4th grade begins 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 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