

Let's Start Blogging

The incoming fourth graders will be blogging for their summer reading project. They are required to read two books, blog on *one* of them, and also make comments on classmates' blogs. You will find the *Kid Blog* website on the school web page under Summer Reading or on my webpage under Tech Lessons. The students have worked with the site and are familiar with how it operates. To log in, students will choose their name from the list on *Kid Blog* and use their school password.

In August, you will receive a reading grade on this project to start off the first trimester. So, when blogging you need to remember the following:

1. Use proper sentence structure and punctuation when blogging about your books.
2. The blog of each book needs to include the title, author, and two to five sentences summarizing the book.
3. The final sentence of your blog need to be a personal comment, for example: did you like the book and why, or did it remind you of another book, which one?
4. Be polite when commenting on another student's blog.

Have fun with this project, and I look forward to reading the blogs this summer. Who knows? I may be responding to your blog with my comments!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. McDanel

Fourth Grade Alternate Reading Projects

What should I do if I can't blog this summer? Choose **one** project from this list:

1. Write a three paragraph letter to a friend about the book you read. In the first paragraph, include the title, author's name, names of the main characters and the setting of the story. In the second paragraph, describe the events in the book and the outcome. The third paragraph will tell your friend if you recommend the book. Set your paper up properly for a letter and check sentence structure, spelling and that your ideas are clearly expressed.
2. Choose a chapter from the book and create a four panel cartoon strip depicting what occurred. Label the strip with a title and include your name as cartoonists do. In the first panel, identify the characters, in the second panel, highlight the setting; the third panel should clearly picture an event from the chapter, and in the fourth panel, show the outcome. Look at the newspaper comic strips to get some good ideas before you begin.

