

Greenfield 4th Grade Home Learning Guide

While your child is away from school, it is important to make time for play, rest and exercise everyday to support your child's well-being.

Reading and Writing

Reading and Writing Goal: Students read fiction and non-fiction texts 30-60 minutes daily. Students engage in ongoing, purposeful writing activities.

- You can write notes, stories, letters to family, teachers or nursing homes. You can also write fiction stories, informational "teaching" books, poetry, book and movie reviews, and conduct interviews of family members.
 - Read and explore books on the [School District of Greenfield Library Website](#)

Reading Ideas

- Pick a new series and read as many of the books as you can.
- Pick a topic you are curious about. Read and research this topic.
- Read a new story on [Unite for Literacy](#)
- Visit [Story Online](#) to Stream videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.
- Read books that you find interesting for long stretches of time.

Writing Ideas:

- Keep a journal and write about your day
- Create a curiosity journal with words and sketches
- Write a "how to" step by step instructions for a game or activity
- Create online stories with [Story Jumper](#)
- [Picture Story Starters](#): Pictures to help spark writing ideas
- Create a comic Book or Graphic Novel - [Comic Book Template](#)

Math

Math Goal: Find daily opportunities to engage in mathematical thinking and problem solving.

Everyday math activities:

- Create and solve your own story problems (about food, games, toys, animals)
- Practice following a recipe and measuring ingredients
- Have an estimation jar challenge
- Design your own board game
- Collect things outside and inside and use them to make up math problems
- Review coin names and their values

Explore online math resources:

- Play a [Card or Dice Game](#)
- [Open Middle](#): Find challenging math problems aligned to grade level and math standards
- [Splash Learn Math Games](#): Interactive, educational math games by grade level.
- [Lego Math](#): various ways to use Legos to help learn math concepts
- [4th Grade Math Challenge](#): Problems designed to spark conversations

Research and Inquiry

Goal: Pursue questions, wonderings and curiosities. *Have your child select a topic/skill of interest and spend 30 minutes a day learning about that topic through observation, experimentation, and/or reading.

- Take a [Virtual Field Trip](#) and record your thinking and wonders.
- Make a list of things you want to learn more about and research your top 2 or 3 curiosities.
- Keep a wonder notebook and record your questions. Find as many answers as you can.

Visit these websites to ignite your curiosity:

- [Mystery Science](#): Lessons and videos to inspire a love of science
- [Wonderopolis](#): Explore the world of wonders
- [National Geographic Kids](#) or [Time for Kids](#)
- [DK Find Out](#): DKfindout! allows your child to

<p>Include ways you can share your learning with others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn a window into a wonder window. Record what you see and what you wonder. Sketchnote your ideas. 	<p>search, learn, and explore information on a variety of topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights Kids • The Kids Should See This
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Exercise, Health and Fitness

Goal: Find opportunities each day to engage in exercise and fitness (outdoor exercise is best when possible but here are indoor options as well).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try a new sport or activity • Create a fitness challenge or obstacle course for your family • Have a dance party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in movement and mindfulness by visiting Go Noodle • Relax your mind and body with Cosmic Yoga • Plan and make a healthy meal or snack
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Get Creative

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make binoculars or anything else you can think of out of toilet paper or paper towel rolls and decorate them. • Collect rocks and paint them to use as paperweights or pet rocks. • Make your own musical instrument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to draw or create something new at Art for Kids • Create a tower and see how big you can make it • Plan a Game Night for your family • Listen to your favorite music and draw how it makes you feel.
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Loose Parts	Art with Recyclables
Collect a variety of objects around your home, such as buttons, sticks, milk caps, rocks, shells, yarn, etc. Click on the link above for more information.	Collect paper bags, paper tubes, plastic containers, and other clean recyclables. Invite your child to create something new. Use crayons, markers, and other household items you can find to decorate.

Spread Kindness

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer to help a family member • Send a note to someone special • Paint kindness rocks to share with others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a friendly message with sidewalk chalk or window art • What other ideas do you have for spreading kindness?
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Sample Schedule

<p>You may want to include the following in your child's schedule to keep a routine in place. Think of the options as a menu to help you pick and choose ideas to have fun and design your days together. Please adjust this schedule to meet your unique needs.</p> <p>*Include snack breaks, stretch breaks and meals in your child's schedule.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Legos, Puzzles, Block towers <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to music and draw, dance or sing <input type="checkbox"/> Reading and Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Math <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry (science / social studies exploration) <input type="checkbox"/> Board games, dice or cards <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Time <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Activities/Exercise and Fitness
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