

# **Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**



## **Language Arts Project**

**Directions: Please complete the packet and return  
to school by September 1, 2019.**

## Reading Fluency Passages Directions For Parents

1. Have your child read aloud to you or someone who can time and complete the following steps.
2. Record how many words you read in one (1) minute. This goes in the WPM box.
3. As your child is reading to you, circle the words read incorrectly. This number goes in the Errors box.
4. Subtract the Errors number from the Words per minute (WPM) number. This number goes in the Words Correct Per Minute (WCPM) box.
5. Divide the WCPM number by the WPM number to get the Accuracy/Reading Rate %

Repeat these steps 5 more times with the same passage BEFORE moving onto the next passage.

\*\* You may want to use different color crayons or pens to circle errors each time so that you don't get confused. \*\*

### Example:

WPM: 96

WCPM: 93

$93/96 = 97\%$  accuracy rate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: 154

## The *Titanic*

When the *Titanic* was built, it was the largest ship in the world. It was eleven stories tall and could carry thousands of passengers. The *Titanic* also had a swimming pool, a hospital, and a library on board. The ship was so big and powerful that people called it “unsinkable.”

In April 1912, the *Titanic* left England for New York City. It was the ship’s first voyage, and there were about 2,500 passengers on board. On the fifth night of the voyage, the *Titanic* struck an iceberg. The iceberg ripped a hole in the ship, and the *Titanic* sank that night.

Everyone thought that the *Titanic* couldn’t sink, and so there were not enough lifeboats for all the passengers. When the ship sank, more than 1,500 people died. The sinking of the *Titanic* shocked and stunned the world. Ever since, people have remembered the disaster of the *Titanic* in memorials, museums, stories, and films.

	Read 1	Read 2	Read 3	Read 4	Read 5	Read 6
<b>Goal Rate</b>						
WPM						
Errors						
WCPM						
Accuracy / Reading Rate %						

Words Per Minute (WPM); WPM – Errors = Words Correct Per Minute (WCPM); (WCPM ÷ WPM) x 100 = Accuracy/Reading Rate %

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: 176

## Surfing

Sam paddled his surfboard out where the waves towered 9  
 higher than he had ever seen them. His older brother had 20  
 already wiped out, warning Sam, “Stay close to shore where 30  
 the waves have already broken.” But the pros looked like 40  
 they were having so much fun, and Sam didn’t want to 51  
 admit that he was scared. 56

Before he knew it, an enormous wave kicked under him 66  
 and carried him toward shore. Sam knew he had to stand 77  
 up to steer, and when he did, a wonderful thrill shot through 89  
 his nerves. He was actually riding the giant wave! 98

The thrill vanished when Sam lost his balance and the 108  
 wave pushed him underwater until he didn’t know which 117  
 way was up. But then, something tugged at the collar of his 129  
 wet suit, and suddenly Sam was on the surface, gasping for 140  
 air. His brother dragged him onto his surfboard. 148

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: 175

## Three-Point Shot

Frederic raced down the block with the wind whipping past 10  
 his ears. Nothing was stopping him, not after he had sunk that 22  
 three-point shot just under the buzzer to win the big game. This 34  
 was his fourth year as a point guard for his school, but only the 48  
 first year he'd been off the bench. He'd never been tall or fast, 61  
 so he'd slowly made up for it by practicing until his aim was 74  
 perfect. And now, finally, all that work had paid off. 84

“Gram!” he shouted, skidding his bike on the dirt lot in front 96  
 of the apartment house. Inside, Gram was already laughing, 105  
 waving her cane to celebrate. “Tell me about every single 115  
 minute, and start at the beginning,” she said. 123

“But—” Frederic interrupted, wanting to tell her right away 133  
 about his last shot. 137

“You should know, Frederic,” she said, her blind eyes 146  
 somehow finding his face, “I like a story with a beginning, 159  
 middle, and end.” Frederic finally caught his breath from 166  
 his ride home, smiled, and began at the beginning. 175

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	Errors						
	WCPM						
	Accuracy / Reading Rate %						

Words Per Minute (WPM);  $WPM - \text{Errors} = \text{Words Correct Per Minute (WCPM)}$ ;  $(WCPM \div WPM) \times 100 = \text{Accuracy/Reading Rate \%}$

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: 170

## Polar Bears

A polar bear crouches by a hole in a sheet of ice. Minutes go by; the polar bear doesn't move. Then, without warning, the polar bear's paw flashes into the hole, and he drags a seal out onto the ice.

Polar bears are some of the largest and strongest land mammals in the world. They are also some of the world's best hunters. Polar bears are meat-eaters, and most polar bears survive by eating seals.

Polar bears are found in the Arctic region to the far north, and they are well adapted to this cold, unforgiving environment. Polar bears have white fur from birth, making it easy for them to blend in with the Arctic snow and ice. Their claws are short and thick, helping them to keep their footing on icy surfaces. Polar bears also have broad feet that help them to walk on thin ice and swim in the ocean, sometimes for incredible distances. Recently, polar bears have been tracked on long-distance swims of thirty miles and more.

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# Journal Starters and Journaling Prompts for Summer!

Directions: Pick any 5 prompts and respond to them with at LEAST 3 paragraphs. Have your parents check for capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.

1. Why is the President so important?
2. Name one thing you do really well and describe it in detail.
3. Describe your best day ever? Give lots of details explaining why.
4. How do you deal with people who bug you?
5. What makes you feel sad and why?
6. What can you do to help you feel better when you're feeling blue?
7. Pretend that you can fly whenever you wanted. Where would you go?
8. Pretend that there is no such thing as television. What do you do with all of your time?
9. My favorite stuffed animal or toy is...
10. Imagine that you can become invisible whenever you wanted to? What are some of the things you would do?
11. What would you do if you were the last person on earth?
12. What would you do if you could fly?
13. What would you do if you suddenly woke up in another country and no one could understand a word you said!
14. What is your dream vacation? Why?
15. What dangers would you face if you were a chipmunk? How would you overcome them?