

# SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

## A Homework Program for GRADE 4 Students

\* As parents, you are your child's most influential teacher and they need a positive, supportive environment in order to be willing to take on new challenges. These fun activities can be done at home to reinforce the learning taking place throughout the day at school.

\* Find 30 minutes in your day and pick a few activities that your child will enjoy doing. Keep in mind that these are skills that are expected to be mastered by the end of Grade 4, so you may want to take baby steps as you try new activities.

## MATH FLUENCY - How Can You Help at Home?

- Multiply to **9x9** and divide up to **81/9**. (Attached is a multiplication table for your use)
- Read and represent money amounts to **\$100**. FLYER GAME: Pick three items out of the Future Shop flyer that will equal \$90.
- Using flyers, newspapers or online catalogues, look for numbers in print up to **1000**.
- Take the family grocery shopping and look for unit rates. If one container of juice costs \$3, how much will two containers cost, three containers....

## EXTRA, EXTRA, Read All About It!



Using newspapers is a great way to improve reading, spelling and writing abilities as well as critical thinking skills. An added bonus of working with newspapers is they allow students to examine daily coverage of national and local issues and they offer great conversation starters for a discussion around the table or in the car. If you do not have home delivery, you can simply use the websites below to access local newspapers:

[www.thesudburystar.com](http://www.thesudburystar.com)

[www.northernlife.ca](http://www.northernlife.ca)

**Cursive Writing** – Students are expected to use some cursive writing at this stage. Attached are templates for each letter. Have your child cursive write a response to one of the articles they read in the newspaper, or write out the grocery list for you.

**KEYBOARDING** - Today, efficient keyboard and computer operation is a necessary skill for the majority of occupations. Keyboarding is an expected tool for communication throughout one's life. It is considered as important a skill as being able to print and write well. There are many typing games available online that will allow your child to try and beat their words per minute each time. You can get them to type out some of their written work as well, using proper finger location on the keyboard.

## The Importance of Reading

By Grade 4, students are reading to learn and it is so important that we encourage reading in the home. For years, they have been learning Dolch words and now they are expected to automatically read and understand these words. Examples of reading materials could be cookbooks, comic books, instruction manuals, road signs, atlases and poetry. Print is literally everywhere!

**Do you have a computer or Ipad at home? If so, try out some of these games. Playing these games will reinforce all of the above skills.**

**APPS** – Sushi Monster  
Splash Math  
Cursive Writing Wizard

**Online Games** -  
[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding\\_games](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games)  
<http://www.kidzone.ws/cursive/>