Sept 12, 2017 Homework Letter

Dear parents & guardians,

As mentioned in my letter last week, there will be a homework component to grade 4 this year. I believe that families should spend quality time together in the evenings and will not overload you & your child with too much. There will be 3 expected activities each week:

1. **Reading –** Students should spend a minimum of 20 minutes a night reading to self or partner. The book(s) should be of interest to them that they have selected. They should be able to read the majority of reads without assistance. For some students I will send home books that are a good fit along with strategies to help.
2. **Writing –** Students will be expected to write 1 story each week. The writing should be about them and the events taking place in their lives (i.e. – playing soccer, riding a bike etc…). Students are not expected to complete the story in one night. Instead, have them work on an idea & planner the 1st night, then have them add 1-5 sentences each night. Their story should remain in the home-binder for me to read. Students should try and complete this independently with minimal help. Again, I will send home strategy(s) that we will be using at school to help them.
3. **Sight Words** – On Monday’s I will introduce 4-5 new words for the students to practice reading and spelling. You can help them read/review these words 3-4 times per week. I will post these words on the class website for you.

During the year, students will have math activities and special projects to complete. More info to follow regarding these activities in the next few weeks