

Dear future 4th grade families and students,

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Students entering fourth grade have a summer reading assignment they need to complete before returning back for fall semester. The name of the book for this assignment is The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. While reading, students need to do each of the following as their summer reading project:

- 1) **A list of the main characters with brief descriptions** of each one.
- 2) Students should also create a **Vocabulary List** made of words that they found within the novel that they thought were challenging (or words that they may not have previously known the definition of). **Students need to collect and define at least 10 words found in the novel** on this vocabulary list. Students may use context clues, a dictionary, or the internet to find and write down the definitions for these words.
- 3) Students will choose either a **4 box comic strip to create from a scene of the story with a sentence or two describing each picture** or a **summary of at least one page (beginning, middle, and end)** of the book.

This should all help to refresh our memories when using this book in class. **We will be working with this book during the first few weeks of school. This will include taking a final test over the novel within the first quarter.** Please bring all materials to class each day, vocabulary list, character list, and comic strip or summary. I will be checking everyone's vocabulary words, character list, and project so make sure you do this! This book is 300 pages so it is important that you set a timeline for yourself. I recommend reading 100 pages a month. This can easily be done if you set aside 10 minutes a night to read 10 pages.

Have a great summer and happy reading! I cannot wait to see you all in the fall!

Miss Beal

