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**4th Grade Summer Reading Assignment**

Welcome to Sealey 4th Grade, where we love reading! We want you to enjoy your summer with a good book. We would like for you to read the book, **Superstar, by** **Mandy Davis**, and answer the following questions. There is one question for each chapter so you may want to answer the questions as you read. Please use your best 4th grade handwriting and answer each question in a complete sentence. This project will be due during the first two weeks of school. We hope you have an adventurous, reading-filled summer, and look forward to seeing you in August!

 ~Sealey Fourth Grade Teachers

The Meteor Shower (p. 1-5)

1. In this short first chapter, what have you already learned about Lester and his family?

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The Morning After (p. 6-10)

1. This chapter has a flashback, which means we go back in time and relive a moment from Lester’s past. Identify the setting (where and when the events took place) for the flashback. Why do you think the author chose to use a flashback here instead of just letting Lester tell about what happened?

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Chocolate Chip Pancakes with Whipped Cream on Top (p. 11-14)

1. How do you think Lester will feel about going to school?

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Away (p. 15-19)

1. Reread page 15 aloud. What’s happening that causes Lester to feel like this? Have you ever felt the way Lester does? What happened that caused you to feel that way?

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 Quarry Elementary School (p. 20-25)

1. What kind of impression do you think Lester made on the school secretary?

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 Research (p. 26-31)

1. How does this chapter make you feel about Lester going to school? Do you think school will be like his research tells him it’s going to be?

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First Day of School (p. 32-40)

1. Why is Lester confused by Mrs. Raines in the hallway?

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Hungry (p. 41-47)

1. You could say that something good (finding his favorite spot) came out of a bad situation (his experience in the cafeteria). Has something like this ever happened to you?

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Mr. Marmel (p. 48-51)

1. There is a turning point in this chapter when Mr. Marmel starts to change how he treats Lester. What did Lester do that caused this change in Mr. Marmel’s behavior?

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Math Test (p. 52-58)

1. What does Mom do to try to fix Lester’s problems of being so hungry and having to eat in the noisy cafeteria? Do you think these solutions will work?

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School. Again. (p. 59-62)

1. Lester finds out something about school that gives him hope. What is it? Why is he so excited about it?

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Earplugs (p. 63-67)

1. Why do you think Lester didn’t defend Abby when Ricky called her a name even though she just defended Lester?

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Science!!!!!! (p. 68-73)

1. On page 72, Lester does some things to keep his brain from “bursting into a million pieces.” What does he do? Why do you think this helps him?

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Waiting (p. 74-76)

1. On page 75, Lester’s mom tells Mr. Marmel that Lester has “always been kind of literal.” What do you think she means by this?

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The Rules (p. 77-80)

1. Why is Lester worried about following Rule 5? How do Mom and Lester solve the problem together?

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Abby’s House (p. 81-84)

1. Why is Lester so excited about Abby’s trophy?

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A Question (p. 85-92)

1. The name of this chapter is “A Question.” Why do you think the author chose this name?

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 Permission (p.93-97)

1. Why does Lester’s mom not want him to do the airplane experiment?

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Promise (p. 98-99)

1. Do you think Lester will be able to keep his promise about not becoming an astronaut?

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Planning (p. 100-107)

1. What does Lester want to talk about during recess? What does Abby want to talk about? Do you think Lester is being a good friend?

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Perfect Day (p. 108-114)

1. How would you describe Ricky? Can you find other places in the book that support what you think?

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 The Mower (p. 115-116)

1. How might Lester’s life change now that Superman is gone?

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The Opposite of Perfect (p. 117-121)

1. Even talking about running away makes Lester feel stressed. How can you tell?

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Wind (p. 122-126)

1. Why is Lester so concerned that Abby is absent?

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Abby Returns (p. 127-131)

1. Reread page 129. Why does Abby get so upset with Lester?

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 The Baby (p. 132-138)

1. Why did Lester and his mom dress up and go to a gala when he was five?

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 A Perfect Saturday (p. 139-142)

1. How does Lester feel about Charlie? How do you know?

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 The Experiment (p. 143-152)

1. Why doesn’t Mom want Lester to climb the slide? Does this remind you of any other places in the book where she’s scared for Lester to do something?

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 Monday (p. 153-156)

1. Do you think Mona will affect Lester and Abby’s friendship? If so, in what way?

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Art (p. 157-161)

1. Why do you think Ricky is so mean to Lester?

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Mona (p. 162-165)

1. Why do you think Abby doesn’t want Lester to be there with her and Mona? How is Abby feeling?

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Science Fair Board (p. 166-172)

1. Mom also gets upset with Lester. Why? Has anyone else in the book been upset with Lester for a similar reason?

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The Science Fair (p. 173-182)

1. If you had been the judge, would you have disqualified Lester’s experiment because Abby launched his airplanes? Why or why not?

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 Winner (p. 183-186)

1. Why do you think Mom goes into school with Lester?

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The Envelope (p. 187-191)

1. Should Lester open the envelope? Would you open it?

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The Slide (p. 192-194)

1. How do you think Lester feels at the end of this chapter? How would you feel?

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 Stuck (p. 195-197)

1. Sometimes in books, authors put their characters in situations that mirror how that character is feeling. In this chapter, Lester is actually stuck in the slide. In what ways might Lester be feeling stuck as well?

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 Facing the Music (p. 198-202)

1. When does Lester learn what face the music means? How do you know he now understands the meaning of this phrase?

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The Packet (p. 203-206)

1. An emotional rollercoaster is a time when your emotions go up and down, just like a rollercoaster. Explain how these last few chapters have been an emotional rollercoaster for Lester.

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 A Giant Castle (p. 207-212)

1. Describe each school situation that’s hard for Lester. What new rule will help him with each one?

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Trophy (p. 213-220)

1. Go back and reread the last paragraph on page 36 through the fourth full paragraph on page 38. How does Mrs. Raines treat Lester differently this time than she did on the first day of school? Why do you think she treats him differently?

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 Mr. Jacobsen (p. 221-226)

1. How does Mr. Jacobsen explain autism to Lester? How does it make Lester feel? How does it make you feel?

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The Color Wheel (p. 227-234)

1. Do you think Lester will find his thing? What do you think it will be?

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 Swings (p. 235-240)

1. What secret do you think is inside the trunk in Mom’s closet?

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The Trunk (p. 241-249)

1. Why do you think Lester’s mom decided to tell Lester about his dad—even though it made her sad?

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 Helmet (p. 250-253)

1. Michael Z tells Lester a lot of things about Lester’s weirdness that make Lester think Michael Z isn’t his friend anymore. What does Michael Z also say that makes Lester feel better?

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 Recess (p. 254-262)

1. Lester ends up being a pretty good kicker. This could be his thing. Why isn’t he happy or excited about it?

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Library (p. 263-267)

1. What makes the book The Science of Sport so perfect for Lester?

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Practice (p. 268-272)

1. Would you like to have a friend like Michael Z? Why or why not?

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Kicking Data (p. 273-276)

1. How does Lester use science to be a better kicker?

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The Medium-Arc Rule (p. 277-283)

1. Lester tries to help Ricky by giving him kicking advice. Why does this make Ricky so mad?

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 Break (p. 284-287)

1. What is Ricky so afraid of when he realizes that Lester is in Mr. Jacobsen’s room?

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 Shoes (p. 288-293)

1. How is the overall mood of this chapter different from the previous few chapters? As a reader, how does this change of mood make you feel?

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 Footprints (p. 294-297)

1. How did you feel when Mom and Lester don’t see a superstar?

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Superstars (p. 298-301)

1. In this chapter, Mona and Lester are competing for something (even though they don’t know it.) What do you think they’re competing for? Who do you think wins and why?

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 The Kickball Game (p. 302-313)

1. Lester knows how to kick a homerun but chooses not to. Why? If you had been Lester, what would you have done?

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 Costume (p. 314-15)

1. Lester’s mom says, “I think it’s time for a new memory now.” What does she mean by this?

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 Trick-or-Treating (p. 316-320)

1. Lester usually hates nicknames. Why does Lester like the new nickname Ricky gives him?

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**End-of-Book Activities**

1. At the end of the book, the author has an acknowledgements section to thank the people who helped her during her book-writing journey. If Lester was going to write acknowledgements for his first-few-months-of-school journey, who would he thank? What would he thank them for?

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1. You probably wouldn’t think to include Ricky or Mona in Lester’s acknowledgements. But if the author were doing this activity, she definitely would! In what ways did these two characters (who caused so much trouble for Lester) also help him?

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1. Did you enjoy this book? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_