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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! I would like to express how thrilled I am to have the privilege of teaching your child this year. We have an exciting year ahead that will be filled with lots of opportunities for your child to explore, experience, learn and grow. I love teaching fourth grade and I am passionate about teaching all subjects, although reading is my favorite subject to teach. I work hard at establishing a classroom atmosphere of respect, cooperation, and compassion. I believe it is very important to work together as a classroom family. We will be spending a lot of time together, so my students are expected to treat each other with kindness. I am dedicated to providing the best educational experience possible for your child. I look forward to meeting you at open house or sooner. Please review the following information.

#### **SCHOOL HOURS/LUNCH**

School hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:35 a.m.-2:45 p.m. and Wednesdays 8:35 a.m.-1:45 p.m. It is expected that your child comes to school on time each day prepared and ready to learn. When your child is absent, they miss out on 6 hours of learning. Please help your child be successful in fourth grade by making attendance and school a priority. Lunch is scheduled from 12:10 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

#### **HOMEWORK/ACADEMIC PLANNER**

Homework will be given every night Monday-Thursday. Your child must complete their daily homework and brings it back the following day. Their academic planner will need to be signed by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult daily. When you sign you are verifying that they completed all their homework assignments and they read for 20 minutes.

#### **MONTHLY 20/20 READING CALENDAR**

Your child will have a monthly 20/20 reading calendar. They must read at least 20 minutes a day, 20 days out of the month. This reading calendar is a required part of their weekly homework. It is crucial that they are really reading. Research shows that the more a student reads outside of school the more successful they will be in school.

#### **DISCIPLINE**

I provide a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all my students. My students are expected to always follow the classroom rules. Please review the attached discipline plan. (This will be sent home on the first day of school.)

## **VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS**

I welcome any parent/guardian who would like to come in and volunteer. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering. Donations of Kleenex, paper towels, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, hand sanitizer, and healthy snacks that can be shared with the whole class would be greatly appreciated throughout the year. Since our lunch is not until 12:10, midmorning snack is a must.

## **BREAK/WATER**

We will have a brief morning snack break daily. Our classroom does not have a drinking fountain, so I highly encourage students to bring a water bottle to school every day. The school has water bottle filling stations which makes it convenient for your child to refill their water bottle. The only drink allowed in class is water. Any snack donations received will be shared with students during our break time.

## **SUPPLIES**

I need each student to bring in the following supplies to keep at school:

- 1½ inch D-ring binder
- 1 composition notebook wide ruled
- 1 pocket folder for homework
- 1 pocket folder with prongs
- 5-tab binder dividers
- Headphones or earbuds
- 2 spiral notebooks wide ruled (70 sheets)
- 1 plastic pencil box
- 1 pencil pouch
- 1 small capped/manual pencil sharpener
- 4 Expo Dry Erase Markers (black)

It is important that your child also have pencils, paper, crayons, glue, and scissors at home to complete their homework assignments.

I feel that it is essential to build a strong parent-teacher relationship. I consider us a team in your child's education. I believe that all children learn best when their teacher and parents/families work together to help them achieve their goals. Please do not hesitate to send me a note, phone call, or e-mail at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Together we will make fourth grade a successful year for your child.



Mrs. Peralta

If you can *Dream* it,  
You can *Achieve* it.  
— *WALT DISNEY*