

September 2, 2021

Dear Parents,

I will be your child's fourth grade teacher during the 2021-22 school year, and I look forward to an exciting one. This is a transitional year when the basic "3 R's" are expanded to prepare the students for more sophisticated endeavors. In addition to higher level thinking skills and problem solving, we will be emphasizing study skills to prepare students for future departmentalized classes and to master the state's fourth grade Common Core State Standards. As such, they will be switching for the following classes: Ms. Cuzzo for social studies and Mrs. Salmon for science. Reading, writing, language arts, and math will be taught by the homeroom teacher.

It is very important that every child be prepared for class on our first day with these appropriate supplies:

- ★ 6 erasable pens
- ★ 3 jumbo book socks
- ★ 2 red pens
- ★ 4 expo markers
- ★ 1 single gallon-sized ziplock bag
- ★ home folder
- ★ large pencil pouch with zipper
- ★ 1 box of sharpened pencils
- ★ personal whiteboard

Your child will not need a loose-leaf binder or "trapper" in fourth grade. We have found these to be too cumbersome. Instead we would like the students to use the multi-folder that we will provide and discuss the first day of school. Also, the school will supply the students with an assignment pad. It is imperative that the students learn to write down long and short-term assignments as soon as they are given. I encourage you to help your child by seeing that assignments are checked off in the assignment pad and completed on time. You can expect your child to have homework on Monday through Thursday. Tests will generally be scheduled on Tuesdays through Fridays. Occasionally we may need to test on Mondays.

Your child may bring in a nutritious snack for each morning. No drinks will be allowed other than water, as this will be a working snack time.

I would like to work closely with you throughout the year, so please take a few minutes to complete the Parent Questionnaire. These will help me to learn more about your child and make the year a successful one. Please fill it out before the first day of school or send it in with your child the first day.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Salmon
Grade 4 Teacher

*Please remember that pens, pencils, erasers, and expo markers need to be replaced periodically. Also, please check *Mrs. Pop's* web page for any additional supplies the students might need for Spanish class.