Dear Butler Bear and Parents,

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Welcome to Mrs. Charters' Fourth Grade Class! I am excited about being your new fourth grade teacher and we are going to have so much fun together.

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Fourth grade is a very special and you will have many things to look forward to this coming school year. We will focus on developing a wide range of reading skills and strategies through quality literature and working on inquiry projects. You will have many writing opportunities and a variety of hands-on math activities that will encourage critical thinking. Additionally, you will be learning about the scientific method, watery earth, matter, electrical circuits, and the regions of our country.

I hope you having a wonderful summer and doing many enjoyable things with your friends and family. I have been teaching at Butler for 20 years! I am married with two children, Caroline who graduated from University of Delaware and works in Marketing, and Jack who is a recent graduate as well. We have a golden retriever named Barkley, who is also big part of our family. And in addition, we have a big cat named "Chip". This summer we will vacation at the shore in New Jersey and Maryland. I look forward to hearing all the wonderful things you have enjoyed this summer during the first week of school!

We will spend the first few days of school getting to know each other, playing games as a class, and learning the fourth-grade routine. You should have an independent reading book available on the first day of school, a healthy snack, and any supplies you have for your desk. If you need to reach me my email address is <u>mcharters@cbsd.org</u>. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and I will see you on the first day of school in room C-109!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charters