

Dear Families of Room 209,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Jon Tonik and I am excited to introduce myself as your child's 4th grade teacher. I am thrilled to join this wonderful school community and look forward to getting to know each of you and your children over the coming weeks and months.

I have been teaching 4th grade for 22 years here at Mill Creek. I even met my wife here at Mill Creek! Together, we have 3 kids. Our son is going into 9th grade, and our daughters are going into 8th and 5th grade. This summer, our family hit the beach for two weeks, cruised to the Bahamas and we traveled to St. Louis, Chicago, and South Dakota. The reason we visited those places is because this year we will learn all about the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Wrigley Field in Chicago, and Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota.

These experiences taught my kids a lot. Along the way, we made sure each of our kids had a book nearby to read. I encourage you to make sure your kids are reading a little each day. At this point in their school career, your child should know all of the multiplication facts. I quiz my youngest daughter with 2 or 3 multiplication facts every morning while we eat breakfast.

Communication between home and school is essential for student success. Together, we are equal partners, so please feel free to reach out to me at jtonik@cbsd.org with any questions, concerns, or just to introduce yourselves. I believe that by working together, we can ensure a positive and enriching experience for your child throughout the school year.

Thank you for welcoming me into your school family. I look forward to a fantastic year of growth, learning, and fun with your child!

Keep on "Summer"-ing!

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