



Dear Fourth Grader,

Welcome to my class and your first official year in the intermediate grades! My name is Ms. Stemler and I will be your Fourth Grade Teacher. I am so happy to have YOU in my class and that I had the opportunity to meet you before summer begins! I am very excited about all of the wonderful things we will be learning this upcoming school year!

Fourth grade is a very special year. We will focus on developing a wide range of reading skills and strategies through the use of quality literature. You will grow as a writer by exploring many different genres such as the personal narrative, informational, fiction, and poetry. There will also be a variety of hands-on math activities that will encourage critical thinking. In science and social studies, you will be learning about the scientific method, water, matter, electrical circuits, and the regions of our country. You will also get to go on some fun field trips too!

I am delighted to share with you that I am getting married this summer. In August I will become Mrs. Gebler. You will be the first class to call me by my new name. In addition to my wedding, I have many exciting things planned for this summer. I plan to go camping and hiking at Ricketts Glen and Hickory Run State Parks, canoe on Lake Nockamixon, and spend some time at the beach. I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you do this summer during our first week of school!

Attached to this letter is our supply list with all the materials you need to start your year off on the right foot. Please make sure you have all the necessary materials with you on the first day of school so we can get ourselves organized and dive right into the new school year. In addition, please pack a healthy snack and be sure that you know how you are getting home from school on the first day.

I hope you read many good books this summer that you will share with us. I certainly will. Please be sure you have a current independent reading book with you on the first day. Don't forget to brush up on the basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts and your cursive writing too. I look forward to meeting all the parents at Back To School Night on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30. Enjoy your summer vacation and see you in August 31st in room C107.

Sincerely,

Ms. Stemler  
(The future Mrs. Gebler)