



August, 2014

Welcome Fourth Grade Families,

We look forward to teaching your child in the coming year. This will be a time of great growth for our students, both academically and socially.

Your child will be exposed to several genres of literature, mathematical concepts, a hands-on inquiry based science curriculum, and social studies, which includes economics, geography, and Michigan history. All subjects are aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Along with this curriculum, each student will be assigned their own iPad to use for the year, both at school and eventually at home.

Students will be taught strategies that will help them problem solve, work through elements of literature, and express themselves in oral and written form. They will learn to work individually, in cooperative groups, and in whole group settings. We will prepare for and take the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test ("the MEAP") in October.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE "TRAPPER KEEPER" TYPE OF BINDER. THERE IS NO ROOM TO STORE THEM.

Our daily work will require several supplies. It would be helpful if your child could bring the following items. We kindly ask that you please purchase "latex-free" products.

- ◆ Headphones **Personal Headphones are Highly Recommended for Hygiene Reasons
- ◆ 1 Package of Number 2 Pencils
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ 1 Pocket Folder
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ 2 boxes of Kleenex
- ◆ Sticky Notes

We look forward to seeing you and your child in September!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Teaching Staff