

Dear fourth grade student,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer, and that you have spent time with family and friends, and lots of books, (of course)! We are so excited to meet you, and journey through the year ahead!

This year, we will be traveling across the U.S. looking into western expansion, and its roots! This unit has some new changes, and we are excited to have you join the ride! We will also be learning about mammals, energy transfer, and our changing earth. In math, we start the year with multiplication and division, dive into geometry, learn about place value, and delve into fractions. You will become amazing mathematicians! We spend our reading time learning about characters, themes, and book clubs. We also have several non-fiction reading units!

As fourth graders you will become deeper thinkers and progressively more independent as the year goes on! One way that you get to see your own accomplishments, and learning, is by keeping a portfolio over the school year. This will give you an opportunity to reflect on your learning, and to practice goal setting.

We can't wait to meet you and start our 4th grade journey together! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warmly,

Ms. El-Lakkis Ms. Kilpatrick Mr. Ward