



Dear New Fourth Grader,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation with your family and looking forward to the start of fourth grade! My name is Ms. Collins and I will be your teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. I am very excited to meet you and your parents! I am thrilled that you will be in my class. We are going to have a terrific year together. I am eager to get to know each of you. Hopefully, it will be one of your best years at Central! Fourth grade is awesome!

As a fourth grader, you will have exciting learning experiences. It is my favorite grade to teach! There are many special opportunities to learn and grow this year. In science we will be exploring land and water interactions, electricity, and ecosystems. It is very hands on and students love the exciting experiments. We will explore the social studies curriculum together. We will discover how innovations impact society and have intended and unintended consequences. Students love the projects and research opportunities. Furthermore, I am excited to explore reading and writing with you. We will have wonderful literacy experiences this year. As for math, you will have the opportunity to work with other fourth grade teachers and classmates from different classrooms throughout the year. It's exciting to switch classes for math each day, but there are some math units we work through in our homeroom class.

There are also a number of experiences that are unique to fourth grade. A special part of the year is Outdoor Education, the wonderful trip to Oregon, Illinois. Also, you will love the opportunity to continue your music and drama experiences, culminating with a spring musical performance. In addition, you will experience field trips and enrichment activities that will enhance our curriculum and stimulate your thinking. As you can see, we are extremely busy this year. As the oldest grade in the school, you are the new role models of Central. I am confident that you are up to the challenge! I am anxious to begin our fun-filled learning journey together. You will challenge yourself and take risks as a learner, all in a safe environment. Our classroom community will respect and support each other. I hope that this will be your #BestYearEver at Central School!

Please bring your school supplies with you on the first day of school. If you have not purchased them yet, the supply list is on our school website. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will see you on September 5.

Warm Regards,  
Ms. Collins