



Dear Fourth Graders & Families,

As we enjoy these beautiful summer days and evenings, I hope you are beginning to feel the excitement of a brand new school year floating on the warm breeze. I can hardly believe that another summer has flown by, but I see a bright school year ahead of us! My name is Mrs. Meneese and I will be your 4th grade teacher! This is my first year at Central Elementary and I could not be more excited to join your amazing school! I taught 4th grade for four years in Tampa, Florida before returning home to the North Shore, and then taught 1st grade for two years in Northbrook. I am thrilled to return to a 4th grade classroom, where we have so many special experiences ahead of us!

This year, we will have amazing opportunities to explore our natural curiosities about the world around us. We will learn all about science, math, literacy, social studies, and the arts with unique hands-on experiences. Also, there will be endless opportunities for working with your classmates and other 4th graders throughout the year! Some of the highlights my new teaching buddies have told me about include: a trip to nature for Outdoor Education, a spring musical performance, time to innovate in the Maker Space, and exciting field trips. Yet, I have a feeling that some of our best times will occur in those quiet moments when we get lost in a good book, help a friend in need, and realize we have learned so much from a mistake.

I cannot wait to meet you and learn all about you! You may be wondering a bit about me... *who is this new teacher and what does she do outside of school?* Well, I love spending as much time outside as possible with my two children, Avery and Cole. Cole will start preschool this year and Avery will be starting Kindergarten! My kids do lots of funny things, and I like to share stories that make us all laugh. I hope you might share a story with me too. I will work hard to create a fun and safe place for us all to learn and grow together, but I need your help! Our classroom will be what we make it... so let's make it AWESOME! I promise to work hard every day for you, and all I ask is that you do the same. Come with a smile on September 5 because it's going to be a fantastic day!

Warmly,
Mrs. Meneese