

Welcome Back!



Dear New Fourth Grader:

Welcome to what I truly believe will be your best year yet at Central. I am Mr. Elman and will be your teacher this year. I am so looking forward to starting a great school year and to seeing both you and your parents on the 30th. I hope you are as excited about fourth grade as I am to be your teacher.

I know that in just a few short weeks I will have the chance to get to know you better so I thought I would tell you just a couple of things about me first. I am married to someone most of you know (hint: think about Central School's office). I have two adult kids, Michael and Madeline (who is a first grade teacher at Ramona). Ozzie, our 8 year old Australian Labradoodle is the final member of my family and keeps us quite busy. I spent my summer: taking long bike rides with Mrs. Elman, hanging out at the pool, playing outside with Ozzie, and enjoying some really good books (I hope you did too!). The highlights of my summer were a trip to Europe and the Baltic with my family, the concerts Mrs. Elman and I went to, and the upcoming wedding of my niece in Vermont.

Our school year will be filled with a lot of fun and challenging subjects to learn and study. Just a few of these are: innovations, land and water interaction, electricity, multiplication, problem solving, ecosystems, STEM challenges, and a whole lot more. Our reading and writing will cover a variety of genres, including both fiction and non-fiction. Of course now that you are in fourth grade we will be going on our Outdoor Ed trip in the end of November; this is both an INCREDIBLE and AWESOME experience where you will learn in nature while you nurture your friendships!

I fully expect our year to be filled with: wonderful friendships, a tremendous amount of learning, substantial brain-growth, a big boost to your self-confidence, terrific experiences, a lot of hard work, fantastic community building, perseverance, great team building opportunities while always giving our very best effort. If we consistently work hard together throughout the year, you will be amazed at the progress you will make in fourth grade. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Get psyched for our year together, I certainly am!

I can't wait to see you on August 30th and for our school year to get started.

Mr. Elman