



Hello Students & Families,

Welcome to Utynek's Universe!

My name is Mrs. Utynek, and this is my first year at Central School. However, you may have older siblings, cousins, friends, or neighbors who recognize my unique name (*pronounced "yoot-nick"*) from my 18 years of teaching at Highcrest Middle School and Wilmette Junior High. I am so excited to be joining the team at Central, and even more excited to have you on board for what is sure to be an **OUT OF THIS WORLD** experience in 4th grade!

First, a little bit about me...

I grew up in Ohio (Go Buckeyes!), but now I live right here in Wilmette with my husband Darrin, our son Cooper, and our lovable, silly, and snorty pug, Lambeau. Rumor has it, former students have spotted me walking my dog down Wilmette Avenue bright and early in the morning...in my pajamas! ☺ I **LOVE** going to concerts, practicing yoga, reading, and teaching. I cannot wait to get to know more about you in the upcoming weeks!

When I was your age, I had a passion for math and science that eventually led me to teaching. Here I am, many light years later, and I still love learning. This year, we will work together to become even better readers and writers while we solve math problems and learn about innovations, electricity, ecosystems, and more! (And don't forget about the legendary Outdoor Ed trip! Yay!) We will take on challenges, push our thinking, learn from our mistakes, support each other, and make friendships and memories along the way. More than anything, I believe that learning should be **FUN!!** So, get ready to laugh while your brains expand as part of **UTYNEK'S UNIVERSE!**

But first...enjoy the rest of your summer as you begin the **COUNTDOWN** to your **LAST YEAR** at Central School! I look forward to **BLASTING OFF** with you on August 30th!

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See you soon!
Mrs. Utynek ☺