

WELCOME

I am so pleased that you'll be joining me in 4th grade in September! I look forward to working with you then. If you would like to start your school supply shopping during the summer, the items you'll need are:

- ☆ Spiral notebooks (single subject)
- ☆ 1 composition notebook
- ☆ Pencils, an eraser, 1 pen, crayons, markers and/or colored pencils
- ☆ Scissors
- ☆ An old shirt for an art smock
- ☆ A sturdy pocket folder for homework
- ☆ Loose leaf paper in a binder (there will not be enough room in your desk for a Trapper Keeper; soft cover binders work well)
- ☆ A box of tissues
- ☆ A book bag

Two additional items that I'd like you to bring that cannot be found in stores and do not cost a cent are:

- ✓ an eager mind and
- ✓ an open heart

To do your best work, you'll need all of the above. Have a spectacular summer!

Love,
Mrs. Colon

BORED????

Here's what you can do to prepare for 4th grade:

- Write a letter to a friend or relative
- Practice the basic addition and subtraction facts through 20 until you know them "cold"
- Make a trip to the Nassau Free Library or a bookstore (the Chatham Bookstore has a "reading nook" just for you!) and choose a book by any of the authors listed below. Pour a cold drink, find a shady spot, and read!

Cynthia Rylant
Lynn Reid Banks
C.S. Lewis
Louisa May Alcott
Betsey Byers
Jean Fritz
Gary Paulsen
James Howe

Thomas Locker
Johanna Hurwitz
E.B. White
Lois Lowry
Robert Newton Peck
James Kjelgaard
Jean Craighead George

Natalie Babbitt
Walter Farley
Jack London
Roald Dahl
Beverly Cleary
Dick King-Smith
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Please do not underestimate the value (and fun!) of fresh air and exercise. Playing outside helps develop healthy bodies and minds.

Still bored? Ask Mom or Dad if they need your help...housework's always easier if you do it together.