

Dear Fabulous Fourth Grader,

Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and to your new class, 4B! My name is Mrs. Lisa Barber and I am very excited to be your new teacher this year. We are going to make a great team. Fourth grade offers a lot of new opportunities for you. You can learn to play a musical instrument, join the chorus and participate in the STEM Fair and play after-school sports.

We have an exciting year ahead with many new things to learn. In Science we will learn about ecosystems, electricity and magnetism, and the solar system. We will learn about Pennsylvania history, geography, and the Native Americans in our state through our Social Studies Curriculum.

This will be my 5th year teaching fourth grade. I worked in Special Education for 11 years at Merion and also taught second grade for half of a year. I live in Kennett Square, the mushroom capital of the world. Yes, everyone in my family loves to eat mushrooms. I live with my husband, Paul Barber, my 5-year-old daughter, Ava and our cat, Marley. Ava will be starting Kindergarten this year and she is very excited to go to a new school. I am so excited to start a new year with all of you!

This summer I spent time in Sea Isle City, New Jersey with my toes in the sand, relaxing (a little) and playing with Ava. We love to take walks on the beach, ride bikes and eat a lot of ice cream. The beach is one of my favorite places to be. I also love to curl up with a good book or lounge on the couch watching a suspenseful movie. I cannot wait to hear all about your summer! Let's start the year by sharing a token of our summers with the class. Please bring in one thing that reminds you of your summer. Some examples of items to share are a swim band, family photo, camp T-shirt, or beach tag. Whatever you decide, it must fit in your book bag. I cannot wait to show you my summer token.

I have included a supply 'wish' list on the back of this letter. If possible, try to collect these items and bring them with you on the first day of school with your summer token. You will also want to bring in some water and a nutritious snack on a daily basis. Healthful snacks, such as pretzels, cereal, fruit or yogurt have proven to be much better for thinking and learning than sugary sweets.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer. I will see you soon!

Love,

Mrs. Barber

## 4B *Suggested Supply List* 2019-2020

- (1) 3-ring heavy duty binder (1.5" with clear, vinyl and customizable cover)

**OR**

- (1) 3-Ring Binder, 2" Capacity (more durable and lasts longer)  
-Tabbed Expanding File, Zipper closure, Built in pencil case



- (1) Zipper pencil pouch for binder
- (1) ½" 3-ring binder
- (3) 1-subject spiral notebooks in **solid colors** (red, yellow, blue)
- (5) two-pocket folders in solid colors (red, yellow, green, blue, orange)
- 1-pack wide ruled notebook paper
- a box of tissues for the classroom
- a ruler (to the ¼ of an inch and with centimeters)
- a set of small headphones or ear buds for laptop
- (1) of each:
  - a box of **sharpened** pencils
  - erasers
  - a pair of scissors
  - a box of colored pencils
  - 1 pack of **thin** markers
  - a dry erase marker and an old sock for an eraser
  - several glue sticks
  - 3x3 Post-it notes (**not** accordion style, please)
  - highlighters
  - a pack of 3x5 lined index cards
- (2) Empty 2-Liter clear plastic bottles (Seltzer bottles work well)

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed.

**PLEASE RETURN BY 9/6/19.**

Thank you!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

- What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?

