Dear Fabulous Fourth Grader,

Welcome to 4th 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 7th 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 7-year-old daughter, Ava and our cat, Marley. Ava will be starting First Grade this year and she is super excited. I can’t wait 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 scary 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 backpack. 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
2021-2022

• (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 3-ring binder
• (1) ½” 3-ring binder
• (3) 1-subject spiral notebooks in solid colors (red, yellow, green)
• (4) two-pocket folders in solid colors (yellow, green, blue, orange)
• 1-pack wide ruled loose-leaf notebook paper
• 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 24+ sharpened pencils
  - erasers
  - a pair of scissors
  - a box of colored pencils
  - 1 pack of thin markers
  - 2 dry erase markers and an old sock for an eraser
  - several glue-sticks
  - 3x3 Post-it notes (not accordion style, please)
  - highlighters
  - a pack of 3x5 lined, white index cards
  - a box of 25 ziploc baggies
• a box of tissues for the classroom
• an independent-reading book
• a healthy snack and water bottle
• a beach towel labeled with your name and 4B