



August 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

I am so excited to welcome you to Fourth Grade! I hope you are enjoying the rest of what has been a very relaxing, enjoyable summer. I have been busy traveling to see my daughter and new granddaughter in Chicago as well as visiting my other 2 daughters and family in Charlotte, NC. It is great to be able to travel again and visit with family and friends!

You are in for an amazing year of exploring and learning and I am very excited to explore and learn with you! Are you ready to discover how our country came to be? Have you ever wondered how Earth's features are formed? Did you ever ask yourself: "When will I use all these math concepts and skills?" or, "Why did the author write that?" These are just a few of the questions we will answer this year.

While you enjoy these last days of summer vacation, please make sure you have all of your supplies ready to go! **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LABEL ANYTHING-** We will label them together in school. In addition to these supplies, please gather some pictures (photos, pictures from magazines or the internet) that you feel tell something about you and decorate your Writer's Notebook (see attached page).

Don't forget to bring a healthy snack and water with you from day 1. We have a later lunch time and a mid-morning snack is very helpful! We want to keep our energy up to feed our brains. I cannot wait to meet and learn all about you! Enjoy the rest of your summer and know that you are in for a spectacular year!

Love,

Mrs. Spina

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A Writer's Notebook is a place for you to write your thoughts and dreams, to share stories, memories, and poems, and to reflect on what you have read. It is unique to the writer who possesses it. The notebook is very special because of its contents. We will also be using it to put our anchor charts and helpful tidbits on how to become a better writer.

Your first assignment is to decorate the outside of a black and white composition notebook to reflect the person who writes on the inside of it. The way you choose to decorate the notebook is entirely up to you. Be creative and individual! The entire notebook, front and back, must be covered and should reflect your individuality and interests.

Here are some suggestions you may want to consider for decorating the notebook:

wrapping paper  
paint  
crayons  
fabric  
family photographs  
magazine pictures

stickers  
markers  
glitter  
yarn  
felt

- Clear contact paper will ensure that paper glued to the notebook will stay put! (Can be purchased at Target, Wal-Mart, craft stores, etc.)
- THIS PROJECT IS DUE by the end of the first week of school! (Friday, September 2, 2022)