

May 2023

Dear New 4<sup>th</sup> Grader,



Welcome to Home Community **2013** ! We (the teachers, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) are excited you are joining us and look forward to getting to know you. We know it's hard to go from being leaders in your 6-9 classrooms, where you knew everyone, to being the youngest in this new environment, where you may not know anyone. But don't worry! We are very friendly! When school gets started in the fall, we will make sure you feel a part of this community.

### **What is a "Home Community" anyway?**

2013 will be your base for the next three years. This is where you'll start and end your day. This is where you'll keep all of your gear. You will sit with the students in this class at lunch and play with them at recess. (Although obviously you're also welcome to play with other students who have recess at the same time.)

We also have a couple of days each month where we stay together all day to catch up on work and play getting to know you activities, community building, and events.

I will be your language arts and Social Studies teacher. I will organize field trips and other special events for our class. Your math and science teacher will be Ms. Tracie.

### **Do I have any homework over the summer?**

Yes. All of the students in the 9-12 program are asked to read a novel, or more. You will use the novel for a project during the first two weeks of school, please bring your book in with you on the first day. I highly recommend you practice all your math facts from 0-12 as part of your math practice this summer too.

Please understand you have joined a community of readers. When you come back to school, we will want to know what you read over the summer and whether you would recommend we read the same books, comic, or magazines. We are also a group of writers. If you like to make up stories or record your dreams or keep a journal or draw comics or write down funny things people say, we'll want to know all about that!

### **What school supplies will I need and when should I bring them?**

You are going to need some very important items to be successful. There is a supply list included in this packet. Please try to have your personal supplies ready by the second day of school. You can bring your supplies anytime during the first three days of school. You will also want to bring in a healthy snack for our designated snack time. ( We have a nut-free policy for all snacks in the classroom.)

### **How can I get in touch with you if I have questions?**

If you have questions or concerns, I can be reached at [bowdenl@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:bowdenl@cpsboe.k12.oh.us). I will check my school email periodically over the summer.

Speaking of summer, I hope you truly enjoy yours and I look forward to seeing you again in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bowden and Ms. Lauren, Community 2013