

August, 2026

Dear New Fourth Grader,

I hope you have had a nice summer! My name is Mr. O'Connor, and I will be your classroom teacher for the upcoming school year at Ox Ridge. As the time draws closer for our return to school, I am getting excited about the coming year. I can't wait to get to know you and welcome you into 4th grade!

As we get ready to begin our fourth grade year together, I am sure that you have been wondering what fourth grade will be like. While of course there are differences between fourth grade and any other school year, do not worry, because I am confident that you'll make a smooth transition. I will tell you all about how everything works in fourth grade and what to expect once the school year begins. Although more will be expected of you than in past school years, I think you will find fourth grade to be an interesting, challenging, and fun year, and I have a feeling that you'll be surprised by how quickly you adapt to everything.

I know that some of you have already pre-ordered school supplies for 4th grade, but if you haven't, an updated list should be posted at the Ox Ridge School website with everything you will need to start the year. I will also post the supply list to our class website along with other information about the coming school year (my email address is also listed at the site should you ever have any questions). Here is the website link:

Mr. O'Connor's 4th grade class website!

I can't wait to meet and work with you! Enjoy these last few days of summer vacation, and I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. O'Connor