Dear 4th Grader,

I trust that you and your family are having a restful and memorable summer vacation. Fourth grade is an exciting school year, filled with captivating challenges and discoveries. As your teacher, I look forward to welcoming you and am busy getting ready for a great year.

I am very interested in knowing what books you have been enjoying this summer. Please bring in your reading list of book titles and authors on the first day of school, so you can share some of your favorites with the class. It is always wonderful to find a friend who enjoys the same books as you!

Also, gather some items, such as photos, stickers, or illustrations that reflect people, places, memories and pastimes that are special to you. Place them in a small plastic bag for safe-keeping. Bring these items in on the first day. Plan to decorate your Writer's Workshop notebook with these special items. May they offer you some inspiration as you share the treasures of your heart through your writing this school year.

In the meantime, may the rest of your summer vacation be filled with all the things you love to do. Be sure to take time to listen to the symphony of crickets on a starry night. Take time to notice the sunflowers, the bumblebees and the dragonflies. In little, magical moments, you can be reminded that anything is possible.

I look forward to working with you this school year.

Your Teacher,

Ms. Cipuzak

4th Grade Student Supply List

Remember to label your supplies!