

Dear fabulous 4th grade students & parents,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we welcome you and your child to the 2011-2012 school year. We will journey through amazing 4th grade adventures as we **discover, learn, and succeed!**

Our goals for the year are as follows:

- Nurture, challenge, and enrich the needs of each unique child through differentiated instruction.
- Create and build a positive, safe learning community that values each child.
- Maximize student success through a rigorous curriculum.
- Teach the 4th grade state standards.
- Promote teamwork, independent studies, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving, as well as, leadership skills.
- Participate in community service learning.

We believe effective **communication** is an essential component to ensure student success, so we will be providing a weekly newsletter with information about what they have learned and important dates and events. In addition, students will be responsible for writing their homework daily in their planners and completing reading logs. It is important that parents sign daily. The more the school and the family are joined as partners in educating young people, the greater the chances of success. We know that together we can make a world of a difference in the life of your child's education!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Respectfully,

Mrs. Heistand and Mrs. Twedt