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Dear 4th Grader,

Welcome to a brand new school year AND a brand new school! I am super excited to have you in my class this year and can't wait to meet you on the first day, Wednesday, September 3rd. We will be experiencing so many amazing things this year as we learn and grow together! We have many adventures ahead!

My name is Mrs. Atkinson and I will be your homeroom teacher (and your math and social studies teacher too!). Everyday you will come to our classroom (Room 21) in the morning, unpack your bags, visit your locker, and get started right away on your daily warm-up. We will spend the mornings learning and laughing as we rotate through engaging math workshop stations, participate in challenging enrichment projects, meet daily for small group guided instruction, & work on our personalized learning goals. I hope you've been brushing up on your multiplication facts over the summer. There will be many opportunities to earn prizes for working hard in 4th grade!

We will be using a rotating 6 day schedule and I will be sure to let you know which day it is (A,B,C,D,E, or F) everyday! I also will distribute a monthly calendar listing all of the days so you can keep it at home for easy reference. That way you always know when to wear sneakers for gym! Everyday you will have science with Ms. Pericone in one of our new, beautiful innovation labs. We will be going to a special everyday 1st period and have lunch & recess 4th period. Our class will have gym on days A, B, & E. Be sure to wear sneakers to school on those days! On Day F we will go to art class with Mrs. Lane, and on Day D Mrs. Babik will teach us Spanish. You will have STEAM on Day C for the first half of the school year and music for the second half. We will be having a "working snack" at some point in the day. Please feel free to bring a healthy, nut free treat (packed in a separate bag) and water bottle in addition to your regular lunch. In the afternoon, you will go to literacy class with Mrs. Gish. You will love her! She will be doing lots of reading and writing with you this year, so I hope you've read a few good books this summer! I'll bet she can't wait to hear about them! After literacy, you'll come back to our classroom and pack up to go home! The day will just fly by!

On the first day of school, you will receive your schedule and learn about the "Keys to Success in 4th Grade." They are:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Stay Organized
4. Give 100% Effort

I'm confident that you will be able to do all of these things and more! With hard work and determination, I'm certain this will be your BEST year yet. I am so excited to be part of the journey! See you soon!

 Mrs. Atkinson