Welcome to 4th Grade!

Believe it or not, it is time for us to start thinking about our upcoming 4th grade year together! Summer vacation seems to fly by more quickly each year! So far, my summer has been very low-key. I have been spending my time outside with my three kids, Owen, Aidan and Ainsley. I’ve also been able to read a few great books, but the best part of my summer was spending two weeks in my favorite place – Duck, North Carolina! I am excited to find out how you spent your time away from school!

Since school ended in June, I have also been working hard getting ready to make your fourth grade year at East Ward a great one! As a fourth grader, you will spend the year learning about living things, map skills, weather, electricity, magnetism and all things Pennsylvania. In language arts, you will read some great literature and informational texts, as well as explore different types of writing. Big units in math will include long division, fractions and geometry concepts. I hope you have been practicing your multiplication facts this summer!

You will be working on a banner during the first week of school. For this project, you will need pictures of some of your favorite things. If you have time this summer, look through some old magazines and cut out some pictures. You will find out on the first day of school when you will need to bring in the pictures. Other ways to prepare for your fourth grade year include reading a bit each day and keeping a journal about your summer.

I can’t wait to see you on the first day of school and be your teacher for homeroom, math, science and social studies! I hope you are excited to meet me, as well as the other fourth grade teacher that you will have for ELA. While I love the summertime, I always look forward to the start of a new school year. I also can’t wait for school to start because it means that football season and college basketball aren’t too far away! You will hear a lot about Penn State, the Philadelphia Eagles and the reigning NCAA Champion University of Virginia basketball team this year in my room! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Your friend,

Mrs. Ellis 😊