

Dear Parents and Students,

Let me begin by welcoming you to the fourth grade! I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall and hearing all about what you did this summer. I spent four weeks this summer in Honduras and I can't wait to share some of my experiences with you. I also spent some of my time in Gowganda; it is a small town in Northern Ontario. I was able to spend time with my friends and family as we went boating, fishing, and hiking. What did you do?

Now that September is just around the corner it is time to start thinking about getting organized for that first day of school. As you prepare for back to school, please remember a few essential items, including:

- ★ pencils
- ★ blue and/or black pens
- ★ red marking pens
- ★ pencil crayons
- ★ scissors
- ★ ruler
- ★ protractor
- ★ recorder

All notebooks and duo-tangs will be provided as necessary throughout the year. Binders will not be needed in the classroom. Each fourth grade student will learn how to play the recorder in music class this year. Recorders need to be bought from the G.D.C.S. office for \$10. Grade four students are also expected to purchase a G.D.C.S. gym shirt for P.E class but may bring their own shorts. This gym uniform stays at school (except when in need of laundering) in a sport bag provided by G.D.C.S.

Grade four will be an awesome year. It will be full of fun but also hard work. Each student will be responsible for weekly homework assignments, such as: spelling, memory work and recorder practice. Students will also continue to set and work towards monthly Accelerated Reader (AR) goals.

Now for the fun... We will be discovering the wonders of God's world by going on an Expedition through Canada. We will be catching a bird's eye view as we research the flight of our feathered friends, not to mention how we will uncover the scientific mysteries behind weather, sound and the human body. The novel studies and teacher-reads will intrigue and challenge us all. It really is shaping up to be a great year.

As summer comes to an end and school is about to begin, I thank God that we are blessed to learn about Him and His creation. I am grateful that God will be a part of everyday of learning here at G.D.C.S. I cannot wait to see you in September!

In Him,
Ms. Freeman