

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you and your family are enjoying your summer. My daughter Megan and my son Jack have been keeping me busy. We have spent many hot days in the pool and went to Maine to visit family! This will be my eighteenth year teaching in the Weare School District and I am looking forward to another fabulous year!

Our focus during math and reading instruction is based on the common core skills. All instruction is taught in small groups according to the student's need/ability. I encourage the students to read every day and to discover the sheer enjoyment of reading. You, as a parent can help by reading to or with your child as much as possible. This is a wonderful way to share time with your child and show them the value of reading. We will continue using the Everyday Math Program. Knowing basic multiplication facts (0-12) will help your child have an easier time on other skills to come.

Homework will be given Monday through Thursday. For you and your child's convenience a list of the week's assignments will come home on Monday. Believe me I know what it's like to get busy/tired kids to do their homework! Homework will usually consist of a math study link and reading for enjoyment.

It is very important to keep the lines of communication open, so if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to call the school (529-7555) or e-mail me at nicole.gawthorp@sau24.org. If you need to meet with me, just call and we can make arrangements. I will also contact you if a concern arises, or to just tell you how proud I am of your child!

Below is a list of supplies for individual student use. They are GREATLY appreciated, but NOT necessary.

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| *pencil box/case | *1 pocket folders (no rings) |
| *24 pack of crayons | *box of markers |
| *2 big glue sticks | *dry erase markers |
| *pencils | *scissors |
| *1 subject spiral notebook | *1 container of Clorox Wipes |

Thank you so much for your time. I can't wait to see your smiling faces soon!!!!
Love your fourth grade teacher,
Mrs. Gawthorp

