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Dear Students and Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health, and that you've had a chance to enjoy our summer break. Doesn't it pass quickly? Soon we will be returning to our new classroom at the upper elementary school for an exciting new year.

My name is Mrs. Bird. I have taught in Weare for over 20 years now. Most of us got to meet one another at our day of moving up in June, so I have had the pleasure of seeing you and getting to know your names! Many of you probably have friends or siblings who have been in my class before. It's always fun to find out friends we have in common!

Fourth grade is a fun and challenging year. I think you're going to love being at the Upper Elementary School! This year we'll get to read a variety of literature, including some good chapter books. You'll be surprised to see how we'll put some of our math skills to the test at an even higher level. We'll be working on geometry, different multiplication and division techniques, fractions, decimals and percents, and applying those skills to solve complex problems. In Social Studies we have a lot to learn about our great state of New Hampshire and its history. We will be handling Science differently this year, as you will be changing teachers to study the different units we have to study. We will also be working to develop our skills as writers. It should be lots of fun. We are going to be SO SMART!

If you're bored over the summer, don't forget you can always keep your brain sharp by reading great books or visiting websites like [multiplication.com](http://multiplication.com), [coolmathgames.com](http://coolmathgames.com), or other ones that you know to keep those facts fresh in your brain. We use them A LOT in fourth grade!

Many students and parents have questions each year about which supplies they should have to begin the year. Below is a list of supplies for individual student use.

- personal headphones or ear buds you can leave at school (the kind with a small jack that fits a cell phone or iPod)
- a 1-inch 3 ring binder (with a sturdy cover)
- eight dry erase markers
- a box of crayons (24 packs are a good size)
- a large eraser (for erasing pencil)
- 24 (or more) pencils (2 of them sharpened for the first day)
- a pair of scissors
- a few glue sticks
- two or three wide highlighters (big, chunky ones)
- two heavy-duty pocket folders (the kind with holes for a binder)
- 1 large container disinfecting wipes
- 1 box of tissues

**\*\*If your family is able to donate duplicates of these items, we will definitely be able to put them to good use!\*\***

Well, I don't want to take up more time in your summer with talk of school. We'll be back before we know it! Everyone be sure to have loads of fun, and I'll see you all on the first day! I'm looking forward to the start of another year!

Sincerely,  
Kim Bird