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## Welcome to 4K

Welcome fourth graders! My name is Ms. Kerr, and I can't wait to meet you! I grew up in Maryland, where I started my teaching career, and I still root for the Orioles, no matter how badly they play. 😊 Before moving to Massachusetts, I taught 4th and 5th grades in Maryland and Virginia, and English to adults in Buenos Aires, Argentina. For the last two years, I taught Learning Center in the middle school at FRR, and I'm excited this year to return to teaching fourth grade.



My family here in Massachusetts consists of my sweet dog, Amp (short for Ampersand &), my husband, my 3-year-old daughter, and me. Some of my favorite things are singing (I sing opera!), music, reading, baking, and taking walks around Brookline. In fact, I walk to school most every day. I love teaching because I like to see my students get excited about learning new things. I hope I can help make our classroom a happy place for you this year, and help you feel like you are having fun while learning. My past students say I'm patient, friendly, and I never yell.

In fourth grade, we will be reading lots of exciting genres, like biographies, fantasy, informational texts, mysteries, series books, books with sequels, short stories, and diaries. We will write about nonfiction topics like science, social studies and math, as well as creating our own narratives. In Science, we will explore plants, changes in state, and changes in the Earth, and in Social Studies, we will learn about North American geography, history, and culture. In Math, we will multiply and divide multi-digit numbers, add, subtract and begin to multiply fractions, and analyze and classify geometric figures.

In preparation for fourth grade, instead of sending home a long list of materials needed for the coming year, I will be purchasing our binders, notebooks, folders, supplies/materials/utensils and assignment books for the class. If your family is able, a \$20 cash contribution toward these classroom supplies would be appreciated!

I can't wait to meet you, and I'm already thinking about all the wonderful learning we're going to do next year.

With Love,

*Ms. Kerr*

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