



Greetings Friends!

This is your fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Novak! I hope you are having a fun and relaxing summer. I'll be anxious to hear all about your summer activities when you come back to school at the end of August.

Exciting things will be happening in our class this year. We'll be reading interesting stories, "traveling" to some interesting places, "meeting" some interesting people, and having fun with numbers. Learning more about Jesus and singing His praises will be an important part of our day, too.

Even though you may not be quite ready to return to school yet, you may want to start gathering together the supplies you will need this year in fourth grade. Please remember to label everything with your name. We'll be using the supplies right away, so please bring them all with you on the first day of school. Here's the list:

- A loose-leaf binder (1½-2 inch binding)
- White **wide**-ruled loose-leaf paper (not college-ruled)
- 5 subject dividers with pockets (labeled Reading, Math, Spelling, Science, and Social Studies)
- A sturdy pocket folder to keep papers neat traveling to and from school. Plastic ones work really well.
- A marbled composition book
- A large bottle of white glue
- A glue stick
- 5-10 sharpened pencils with erasers
- A pink eraser (This kind really erases the cleanest.)
- A box of crayons (at least a 24-pack)
- A box of sharpened colored pencils (at least a 24-pack)
- A small plastic pencil box no larger than 8x5x3 in. (**BIGGER BOXES DO NOT FIT IN DESKS**), or a large binder pouch to keep supplies in
- A 12-in. wooden ruler with a metric scale, too (The kind with holes fits nicely into a binder and is easy to locate.)
- Sharp school scissors (such as Fiskars)
- Small pencil sharpener (must have a shaving catcher)

- Your Bible. Returning students should bring the one you used last year. The school gives each new student their own new Bible.
- A flash drive (at least 1 gb) for saving work from technology class (You may use the same one you used last year.)
- 4 picture postcards showing a scene from Maryland. (I've seen them at some greeting card stores. They can also be picked up at tourist areas all around Baltimore, such as the Inner Harbor.)
- 2 LARGE containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 large box of tissues
- I will provide a homework pad for everyone this year.
- Hardcover books will need to be covered. You may wish to buy covers, although paper bag covers are OK, too . The "sticky" type of cover is not easy to remove and **is not allowed to be used**. If you buy fabric covers, please buy the LARGEST size. Several of our textbooks are quite large and the regular size fabric covers do not fit well on them. Book covers may need to be replaced during the year.
- Extra supplies such as sharpened pencils, notebook paper, colored pencils, scissors, and a ruler should be available at home also.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the end of August.

In Christ,
Mrs. Thelma Novak