

Dear Boys and Girls,

Welcome to fourth grade! Our names are Ms. Cirienco and Mrs. Vergara and we are excited to be your fourth grade teachers this year! We have so many fun activities planned for this year and are very excited you will be joining us on our adventure! Read on to learn some information about us.

Hi! I am Ms. Cirienco. This will be my second year teaching fourth grade at Royle. Before coming to Darien, I lived and taught in Brooklyn, New York. Brooklyn is one of the New York City boroughs. (Can you name the other four?) I am so thrilled to be teaching with Mrs. Vergara this year and can't wait for our first day together. This summer has been filled with fun and relaxation. Some of the highlights include spending time on the beach with my cousins in Rhode Island and visiting with friends in Boston. I like to watch hockey and am a big New York Rangers fan.

Hi! I am Mrs. Vergara and I am excited to be joining Ms. Cirienco in fourth grade! How lucky am I to get to spend another year with such an amazing group of kids. Hey, have you been enjoying these warm summer months? I know have been! My family, husband, son-Luke (age 8) daughter-Elaina (age 4) and I packed our bags and drove 12 hours down to Myrtle beach. The highlight for me of the vacation was going down the tunnel waterslide with my kids. I'm not sure who was enjoying it more, them or me.

Now that the summer is almost over, a new school year is approaching and we look forward to meeting you all soon. We hope you are as excited about fourth grade as we are! We are going to learn lots of new and interesting things. It's natural to be nervous, but we will be here to help.

I'd like you to come to school **prepared to talk about one book** you read over the summer. If you'd like, you may bring in the book. If you kept a summer reading/writing notebook, make sure to bring that to share with your class. I can't wait to see and hear about all your hard work.

Some other things you should bring on your first day are:

- **Any School Supplies** you may have purchased (if you ordered them, they will be in school waiting for you. If you didn't, you can find the information on what to order on the school website - Please pay attention to brand name when purchasing!)
- **Art Smock** (an old t-shirt works well) with your name on it.
- **Writer's Notebook** from last year if you still have it.

We will have a healthy snack break daily so please bring in an appropriate item. It may also be a good idea, especially in the beginning of the year, to bring a water bottle to help stay hydrated. You should also wear sneakers in case we have PE on the first day.

Throughout the year please make sure that clothing and any other personal items that come to school are labeled with your name so they can easily be returned in case they are lost.

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation, enjoy the beautiful weather, and have fun! We will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Cirienco & Mrs. Vergara