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Dear EPCS Families,

Welcome to Fourth Grade!! This school year will be filled with fun and exciting learning opportunities. I can not wait to see all of you on our first day of school, September 6th.

**Fourth Grade Community of Learners**

The fourth grade teachers are looking forward to building not only classroom communities but also providing opportunities for the grade level to become a close working community. Fourth grade is departmentalizing during the 2023-2024 academic year. Students will receive instruction from both teachers. As a fourth grade teaching team, we will use our expertise and experience to benefit all fourth grade students.

Ms. Welish: Hi Fourth Graders! Most of you know me as your 3rd grade math and science teacher but I am so excited to move to 4th grade with you! I grew up in Bergen County and attended Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania where I majored in English Literature as well as Classical Archaeology and Ancient History. When I graduated, I joined Teach For America and taught in Miami, Florida for three years. I then returned to New Jersey and have been a teacher at EPCS for the last eight years. It is very exciting that we are departmentalizing and I am thrilled to be teaching you Math and Science. I look forward to a GREAT year together. See you soon!

Mrs. Stephens: Hi Fourth Graders! I am so excited to see you in September. I grew up in Teaneck and live in Bergenfield. I graduated Rutgers with a BA in Sociology and went to Fairleigh Dickinson University for my teaching degree. I taught in Palm Springs, California for one year and came back to New Jersey. This will be my 26th year. It is very exciting that we are departmentalizing and I am thrilled to be teaching you Language Arts and Social Studies. I look forward to a GREAT year together. See you soon!

**Classroom Supplies**

We thought you would appreciate a list of supplies so that you can catch the great “Back to School” sales. Please send the following supplies with your child on the first day of school. Please label all supplies with your child’s name or initials.

Required Items

* Headphones (with a plug, not with Bluetooth connection)
* 1 box of sharpened pencils & erasers
* 1 box of 24 crayons
* 1 box of 8 or 12 colored pencils
* 1 pair of child safety scissors
* 2 highlighters
* 2 black Sharpies
* 2 glue sticks (no liquid glue please!)
* 1 ruler
* 1 pencil box (that will fit all the above supplies)
* 1 3 subject spiral notebook Wide Ruled 10.5 x 8 inches

(Reading, Writing and Social Studies will be in one notebook) Ex:

<https://www.target.com/p/five-star-3-subject-wide-ruled-spiral-notebook-colors-may-vary/-/A-14790169>

* 2 composition notebooks
  + Please don't label them, we’ll do that in class
* 5 folders
  + Please don’t label them, we’ll do that in class

Optional Items (but very much appreciated!)

* 1-2 containers of Clorox or Lysol wipes
* 1-2 containers of hand sanitizer
* 3-4 boxes of tissue

**Back to School Night**

We look forward to seeing you at Back-To-School Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 21st.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [sara.welish@englewoodcharter.org](mailto:sara.welish@englewoodcharter.org) or [arlene.stephens@englewoodcharter.org](mailto:arlene.stephens@englewoodcharter.org) You can also call the main office at 201-569-9765.

Sincerely,

Ms. Welish and Mrs. Stephens