



Dear students and families,

Welcome to 4th grade! I hope you have been enjoying your summer. I can't believe it is almost time for our year to begin! You will have many special opportunities as a 4th grader to learn new things, make new friends and have new responsibilities in our school.

My name is Leah Pietrusza and I am going to be your teacher this year. I am so glad to have you in my class. I am so excited to meet you all and get to know you! Here is a little bit about me...

I have lived in Grand Rapids all of my life. I attended GRCC and Ferris State University. I have been teaching at West Oakview for seven years, this will be my sixth year in 4th grade. I LOVE it☺ I have three sons. One is a junior at Northview High School, my oldest is at GRCC., and my newest little guy was born this summer. In my free time, I enjoy reading, kayaking, gardening and spending time outdoors.

I am eager to meet you and your family at our Open House. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the time and date later this month. During the open house, you and your special guest(s) (mom, dad, stepmom, stepdad, grandma, grandpa, etc.) will get a chance to get a "sneak peek" of your classroom, meet some of your classmates and your teacher!

I will be starting out the year with you to get our classroom up and running. I will then be on maternity leave. My new little nugget was born just days ago so I will be home bonding☺ I will return after the holiday break. I will send along information about the teacher who will be taking over for me in the near future.

Please see the back of this page for a list of suggested items for next year. If you are able, please bring these items with you to our Open House so that you can put them away to be ready for the first day of school. *You may want to write your name on these things before bringing them to school.*

Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leah Pietrusza lpietrusza@nvps.net

Individual Supplies

- ✎ 1 pair of scissors
- ✎ 1 package of colored pencils (12ct)
or 1 package of crayons (24 ct)- NO
LARGER PLEASE
- ✎ 1 (1) inch 3 ring binder
- ✎ subject separators
- ✎ head phones
- ✎ water bottle
- ✎ lined paper-wide ruled

Classroom Donations/ Community Supplies

- ✎ Kleenex
- ✎ pencils
- ✎ glue sticks
- ✎ Post-it notes (any size, color)
- ✎ Disinfectant Wipes
- ✎ Zip-loc bags (sandwich, snack,
quart, or gallon size)
- ✎ Expo markers
- ✎ Highlighters
- ✎ Notecards
- ✎ markers
- ✎ band aids
- ✎ paper plates