## WELOOOME TO FOURTH GRADE

Dear Fourth Grade Family,

I'm so excited to be starting another year at WOHE! My name is Ms. Gill and I am lucky enough to get to be your fourth grade teacher this year. We have a year full of learning ahead of us. Don't worry; we still have a lot of fun! In return for all of our hard work we have a lot of special and very exciting activities. I cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us!

I am eager to get to know each and every one of you but first I will tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Springfield, Missouri and went to college at Missouri State University. I graduated in the fall of 20 |3 with a degree in Elementary Education and began working at WOHE in 20 |4. I am currently at Missouri State again and in my second year pursuing a masters degree in literacy. In my free time I really enjoy being outside and running, half marathons are my current favorite. I have a fluffy wheaten terrier named Samson who takes up the rest of my time.

On Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm we will have Meet The Teacher. This will be an opportunity for us to meet and for you to become familiar with the classroom. It is also a great time for families and students to drop off your supplies, as well as fill out some important paperwork. As far as supplies, no need to buy the supply box because we will not use that and we will only use 2 folders, no need to buy 4.

School will start on August II<sup>th</sup>. You will be allowed in the classroom starting at 8:20 and the tardy bell will ring at 8:40. I look forward to getting the chance to meet all of you and getting started on an awesome year!

My number one priority this year is getting to know each and every child and providing each individual with the best education that I possibly can. A big part of this is accomplished through creating a safe and fun classroom community, which is maintained through high expectations.

I want to foster a love for learning in your student and I believe that a very important step in this is getting to know the family too. I believe that if we partner and communicate with one another your student will accomplish more. You know how your child learns and works best; if you share that with me I will try to appeal to that.

I welcome all of your questions or concerns and would like to be made aware of any struggles your student is facing. Like any partnership, this works two ways and I will let you know how your child is doing and what may be going on in the classroom. If you would like to get in contact with me my email is brittanygill@willardschools.net and I can be reached at the school at 869-0600 extension 1022. Thank you for your support. I look forward to meeting you on August 9<sup>th</sup>!