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Miss SWITZER'S *Star Notes*

WELCOME BACK EDITION

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✧ Welcome to 4th Grade ✧

You should have recently received a letter informing you that you are in MY class for 4th Grade! Woo hoo!! I hope this letter finds you all enjoying these summer days of August! Boy, have we had some hot ones! We're only a few weeks away from a new school year beginning, and I am really getting excited about it! I'm looking forward to working with you! I have so much fun planning and decorating our room so I really enjoy this time of the year. I like things to be organized, inviting, and fun for you!



I want to tell you a little bit about myself so that you can begin to get to know me. If I've done the math correctly, this is my 33rd year of teaching--most of those have been in 4th grade. I am originally from California, but I've lived and taught in Maine since 1990. This is where I was always meant to be, and I absolutely love it here!

I live in Wells with Slugger, my 13 year old yellow lab. I have great friends and family all around me. Slugger is a great walking partner, and he keeps me on my toes for sure :-). He goes to York Bark and Play once a week to play with his furry friends. He loves it! You'll definitely be hearing about my dog adventures very soon!



I have had a wonderful summer! I've spent a lot of time on the beach and have spent great quality time with my family. My parents visited me for most of July! My sister-in-law and niece also joined us for about 10 days. My brother wasn't able to come this summer, but I'll see him at Christmas. We had such a great time laughing, eating, shopping, and mostly hanging out at Ogunquit Beach!



My friends and family are so very important to me :-). I hope you have been enjoying your summer vacation, too. I can't wait to hear about what you have been doing when school begins.

So in addition to having family and friends visit, I've also been reading almost every single day! I love books that I can't stand to put down. I've read over 12 already. I also love to write! While my family was here I sort of journaled our time together on Facebook. It's a neat way to keep our memories somewhere! Reading and writing can be so fun!

I'm looking forward to helping you all to be your best selves. One of my favorite sayings is "Let your sparkle shine." We all are very special in our own ways, and my goal is to help you all be shining stars in our classroom! I'm excited for our new year to begin, but it's always sad to see summer coming to a close. I hope you are enjoying your vacation and have been doing all sorts of fun things. I can't wait to hear about the places you have gone and the things you have been doing. We will be getting to know each other very soon, and I can't wait! Enjoy the last days of summer!

Sincerely,
Miss Beth Switzer :-)

Some Important Stuff to Share With You

Informal Open House

I will be working in our room on Thursday, August 30th, between 2:30-4:00 P.M., and I would love to show you around and say "hi". So stop in anytime during that time if you can! This is just an informal chance to meet each other. Don't worry if you can't make it. We will all get to know each other soon enough.

Class Webpage/E-Mail

Check out our class webpage when you have a chance. I'll be updating it really soon. Be sure to always check with your parents before going online.

missswitzersclass.weebly.com/

Whenever possible I like to use e-mail to keep in touch. If you could send me the e-mail address you would like me to use to contact you, that would be great!

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School Supplies

Just a reminder of supplies that I would like each student to bring in:

- Extra pencils/erasers
- 2 Binders--1 should be 3 inches wide. The 2nd one should be wide enough to hold your 4th grade plan book, etc. (1-1.5 inches is fine)
- 100 sheet protectors (the cheaper ones are perfect)
- 1 package of tabbed index dividers, a set of 5 or 8 would be great

Pencils, scissors, rulers, glue, crayons, colored pencils, & a pencil box will be provided.

For Parents

A questionnaire for YOU is included. Please return it at our Informal Open House or during the first week of school. You could e-mail it back, too, if you want. I truly welcome your insights as I get to know your children.

Are You Ready?

Have you been reading, writing, or practicing your math facts? If you haven't, it's not too late to get back into the swing of school work!

You will also want to start going to bed earlier as the end of August approaches. That way you will be ready when it's time for school to begin. I will need to do that, too :-)

Dates to Know

Thursday,
Aug. 30th
Informal Open
House 2:30-4 P.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 4th
First Day of School