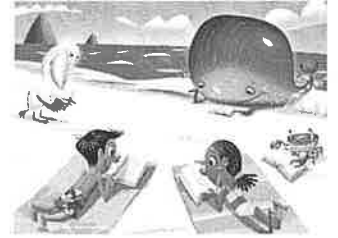


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Greetings 4th Grader & Parents/Guardians!

I am Mrs. Ford, your new Fourth Grade teacher. I am so excited to welcome you to Ford's Friends! This will be my fourth year teaching at Malletts Bay School, but it will be my 11th year teaching!



It was so wonderful to meet you all in June and I hope you are having a fun and relaxing summer. I cannot wait to hear about your vacation. **Please bring in a picture, souvenir, story, or song that represents your summer.** We will all share our summer memories during the first week back at school.

I have spent my summer relaxing and spending time with my husband Pat, my daughter Penelope and our adorable dog Banjo in Lincoln, VT where we live. We have been hiking, swimming, and going to yoga all summer! Banjo loves hiking but he is not to sure how he feels about swimming yet. I cannot wait to share all of my stories about Banjo the dog with you!

Thanks to some stormy summer days we've been having, I have been able to read read read! I hope you have been doing some summer reading too to get ready for 4th grade!

As you begin to think about "back to school" here is a list of supplies that will be useful in 4th grade. I will provide any supplies that students need, but it would be helpful to get:

- pencil box or pouch (something small)
- pencils, pencils, pencils! (a box of 12 would be great)
- tissue boxes
- glue sticks
- headphones
- dry eraser markers

Optional supplies may also include:

- crayons (24 pack or less), thin or thick markers, and colored pencils
- a 2-pocket folder for home/school communication



I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to being your teacher this year and I am confident we will all have the best year possible! Please feel free to contact me at [rebecca.ford@colchestersd.org](mailto:rebecca.ford@colchestersd.org), with any questions or concerns. Also, check out our class blog at [fordsfriends159.edublogs.org](http://fordsfriends159.edublogs.org). Finally, follow me on Twitter @FordGoes4th. Welcome back to Malletts Bay School!

Your New Teacher,

Mrs. Ford