

Summit House Climb to New Heights

Miss Beck, Mrs Chittenden and Mrs. Longchamp,
Mrs. Buswell, Mrs. Miller, and Miss Nuttall

July 1, 2019

Dear New Fourth Graders and Families,

Hello, my name is Mrs. Longchamp and I would like to welcome you all to our fourth grade year. Our classroom number is 181, in the Summit House. This will be my 22nd year teaching at Malletts Bay School and I am excited to begin it with all of you. This summer I will be taking a summer class, as well as finishing up my Masters Program. Adults are always learning, too! I will also be spending time with my family and extended family and friends. We love to read, go fishing on Lake Champlain and be at/swim in the ocean, in York, ME, etc. I will be in and out of M.B.S. all summer long to bring our classroom to "life." At the end of the summer, I will be helping my daughter get ready to continue her journey as a Sophomore at Castleton University. I am sure that this will be a very busy, and wonderful summer for all of us.

When summer is coming to an end and Fall is approaching, you can look forward to a very exciting year. We will learn with our other fourth grade friends from the Summit House in Mrs. Chittenden's and Miss Beck's classrooms.

You may be wondering what you could bring the first day/ week of school. I will be happy to supply you with many of the items you will need, but here is a list of things you *could* bring in. **PLEASE** be sure to **label** all of your supplies with your name, using a permanent marker. Please also label your lunchbox, snack containers, hats, backpacks, etc., too. If you cannot find the items, or they are too expensive please tell me and we will certainly take care of this together.

- a pair of earbuds- (be sure that they are comfortable for you to wear)
- Post- It notes (2- 3 individual packs of them, please)
- pencils
- 4 2 pocket folders (1 of each color): blue, green, purple and yellow (The plastic ones are great, as they don't rip easily and therefore last longer. The paper folders are the least expensive in the Fall, so if you got a back- up of each color that would be much appreciated.)
- a box of tissues or two
- pencil case or pencil box
- highlighters
- colored pencils, markers, crayons (thin and/ or fat)



Two more things that I ask you to do are.....

1. Students, please write me a letter telling me about yourself. You can tell me, for example, what you like to do in your free time, what you are doing, will or did do during your vacation, your likes and dislikes, etc. This helps me to learn more about you. Please feel free to send your letter to me at school.

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2. On the first days of school we will be getting to know each other. Please bring in 2-3 items that tell us about you and place them in a small brown paper bag or a plastic grocery bag. We will all look through the items and try to figure out who you are from your great clues. These items may be of awards that you have won, items from activities that you participate or participated in, collections you have or souvenirs from wonderful places you've visited, pictures, etc. We will have a great time trying to figure out who you are and what you've done in your lifetime, so far. SHHH: Remember; don't tell other classmates about your specific items so that we can all enjoy figuring out who you are from your clues.

Kiddos, don't forget that you will need a snack, drink and a lunch (hot or cold) for the first day of school (**Wednesday, August 28**). Also, ask your Grown-Ups to look in *The Colchester Sun* to find out which bus you will take to and from school. I will post each of your dismissal plans- bus, ACE or parent pick up- on a poster in our room.

Parents, **Thank You** for all that you are doing and will do to help your child and our class. Kiddos, have a fabulous rest of the summer with your wonderful families and friends. Be sure to continue reading throughout the summer.

Any work with memorizing your addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts will be a great help for you. 10- 15 minutes, 3- 5 times a week during the summer reading and practicing your math facts may make a world of difference to you while we are learning together.

Have a wonderful summer. See you soon.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Longchamp