**Welcome to 4th Grade**

Welcome back to a new school year. I look forward to getting to know the students and their families better, so we can work together for the success of each student. I do not believe that one test or an “A” on a report card measures success. However, success can be measured in countless ways including showing progress, developing a talent, or overcoming a struggle with perseverance. I will strive to make every student feel success.

**Communication**

Communication is essential to success. We will have several means of communication throughout the year. First, I opened a class dojo site for messages, emails, and most importantly, pictures. You should receive an email this first week of school. I am working on collecting the addresses. If you do not receive an email about our class dojo by Friday, please email me. Secondly, I will send a newsletter home and through email. I will strive for weekly but as the year progresses this may change. Thirdly, students will maintain a planner. The planners will be filled out everyday and checked every afternoon for accuracy. Please sign the planner in the
evenings. Also you may write notes or questions and I will respond. Hopefully, we can increase the communication to support student success.

**Homework**

Homework will be minimal this year. Students will be responsible for spelling words and multiplication/division facts. If work is not finished in class, then students may need to finish the work for homework. Unfinished homework will be completed during recess time.

**Behavior**

I have very high expectations for all students in academic areas and behavior. We will establish routines in the upcoming weeks and students are expected to follow class rules and work within these routines. I do a ticket reward system. Students will receive 3 tickets in the morning. Tickets are lost for behaviors such as being off-task, talking during quiet time, or not being prepared for class. If 3 tickets are lost, the student will receive a time-out to correct the behavior. The next offense will be an ASC referral.
Cursive Writing

I will use cursive writing as much as I can without causing too much stress on the students. As the year progresses, students will increase their use of cursive as will I. We will practice each letter in Zaner-Bloser style. By January, students will be using cursive on a regular basis. However, this requirement will be individualized for each student based on their progress.

Mrs. Clise’s Contacts

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Wednesdays and Fridays: 1:40 – 2:20
Thursdays: 11:40 – 12:20

I do check my email during the school day and in the evenings. However, I have 3 children at home and cannot guarantee a reply in the evenings. I will try. I do not check my e-mail on the weekends. If you call during the day, I will return your call the same day.