September 5, 2017

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to 4th grade! Hopefully your child has an exciting first day and is looking forward to all we will do this school year. This first week we will be working on building a class community as we learn about our classmates and ourselves. In addition, we will be working on developing routines and skills that will set the stage for learning throughout the school year. On Tuesday your child will complete a learning style inventory that focuses on what modes (visual, auditory or kinesthetic) your child uses when they are learning new concepts. Your child will bring home their science journal in order to share with you his/her inventory and a circle graph of the results. Please take a moment to look at this with your child, and see if you have any insights to add.

Attached to this letter is a questionnaire that will help me get to know your child and his/her unique learning needs. This will enable me to tailor lessons for this class. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire and send it back to school by Friday, September 9th. This is an assignment for you, different from the letter assignment your child will recieve from me on Tuesday. If you have any additional information you would like to offer please feel free to write on the back of the sheet. I will also made a copy of the questionnaire available through the classroom blog page (mslezotte.weebly.com).

Working as a team and setting high expectations allows us to ensure your child has a great year. Your child will have two teachers this year. I’ll be their math and science teacher, and Ms. Heeren will teach social studies and language arts. Because they’ll split their time between two teachers, it’s extra important to keep the lines of communication open. I use both Remind and my class website (mslezotte.weebly.com, also linked on Coonley’s site) to keep you up to date about student work and projects, announcements, volunteer opportunities, and educational resources. I also use Twitter to highlight interesting events in the classroom (@Lezotte303). Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Email is the best way to get in touch with me (elezotte@cps.edu), but you can also send a note with your child or contact me at dismissal time. I will do my best to get back to you within 24 hours.

Thank you for helping us start off on a wonderful year. I look forward to getting to know your child and working together with you to create a wonderful learning experience for this class!

Kindest Regards,

Ms. Ellen Lezotte

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