# Dear 4th Grade Parents,

I am very excited to be your child's science teacher this year! We will most definitely be busy and learn lots. I hope you will touch base with your child about what we are learning! I am sure there will be LOTS to tell.

I am honored to have this new position. As a parent, I know how it feels to entrust my child into the care of other individuals; but I believe it takes many people working TOGETHER to raise successful and happy children. Together, you and your child and I are a team! Issues and problems may arise because we are all human. I hope, though, you will contact me via email or phone if there is ever an issue or a concern. I really do care about your child's success and happiness!

#### **New Textbooks**

Interactive Science is more than a typical science book. Your child's new textbook has several key features - interactivities, science inquiries, online content, and complete coverage of science content. While your child learns about science, he or she will also apply reading skills to science texts and practice mathematical concepts. You should encourage your child to personalize the book by highlighting words or writing notes in columns. Doing so helps them learn study skills for educational success! Remember, this is your child's program, so please encourage him or her to take advantage of all it has to offer and to do their part. Science should be FUN, but it does take persistence!

# **Additional Grades - Effort Credit**

Throughout every chapter, I offer various VOLUNTARY opportunities for your child to earn additional grades. Referred to as EFFORT CREDIT (EC) assignments, these can significantly increase your child's interest level, help to understand the content and raise his/her grade. Many are simple tasks that can be done easily by your child. Others are more complex, challenging them to invest their time (and sometimes yours). Grades are determined by the degree of difficulty. I hope you will encourage your child to complete at least one per chapter. Because these are always available throughout a grading period, I do not offer extra credit work. A list of EC's will be sent home at the beginning of each chapter and can also be found on my website.

# Website - <u>huddy17norfork.weebly.com</u>

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It is not always easy to keep up with everything that is happening at school, let alone each class. I will keep a schedule of all lessons, homework and assignments on this website. Just select the "4th Grade" tab and find the Chapter we are studying.

# CHEERS FOR A FUN AND EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR! LET'S BEGIN!