

August 9, 2023

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe the summer is winding down and another school year is quickly approaching. I am excited and feel blessed to be your child's teacher this year. I wanted to take a few moments and introduce myself to those of you who do not know who I am. My name is Marisa Hendree. My husband and I enjoy traveling and game nights with friends or family. We also are the foster parents of a wonderful 10 year old boy, 7 year old girl, and 2.5 year old boy. I am beginning my twenty-second year of teaching. For six years I taught third grade and am looking forward to my sixteenth year teaching fourth grade. Five years of my teaching career were spent up in Montcalm County. The remaining years have been here at Park Elementary.

For this to be the most successful year possible for your fourth grader, communication between home and school is essential. Because of this, you can expect an update on our blog by Sunday evening. This will keep you informed of the important information that is specific to our classroom and will also include reminders regarding school wide events. The website can be found at <https://mrshendree.weebly.com/>. Then click on the blog tab for updates.

There are often questions and anxieties that occur when beginning a new school year so I tried to answer them the best I can. Regarding school supplies, I have copied the list of recommended supplies that will be used throughout the year on the back of this letter. I understand school supplies can be expensive, especially if you are purchasing for more than one child. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need these supplies provided for you. I do ask, that because of space, students do not bring trapper keepers or large binders to school with him or her. For our classroom community we are always looking for boxes of Kleenex.

In order to try to reduce the level of anxiety, an open house has been planned for you and your family to attend. This year the school open house is August 16 from 6:00-7:00. This is a great opportunity for you to come with your child to see our classroom, find his or her seat, and drop off any supplies.

I have attached a student information page with this letter. Please take the time to complete this, as it will help me better educate your child. You can bring this with you to the open house or you can send it with your student the first few days of school. If you would rather type it instead of write it out, you can find this survey on our website. All information you submit will remain confidential. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend the open house. All information received at the open house will go home with your student on the first day of school.

I am looking forward to working with you and your fourth grader this year and will make every effort to communicate with you often. Please feel free to contact me as well with any questions or concerns you might have. My e-mail address is mhendre@hpseagles.net. It is so important that we work together to ensure your child a fun-filled learning experience this year!

Sincerely,

Marisa J. Hendree

