

August 15, 2019

Dear 4-S Families 2019-20!

Welcome back to another great Broadmeadow year! I hope you have had a wonderful summer vacation and are excited for fourth grade. This summer I have enjoyed visiting with family in Maine and Pennsylvania, reading many good books, walking countless miles with my dog, Finley, and riding and training my horse, Piper. If you would like to meet me before our official first day, I encourage you to come visit our room during **PTC Open House on Thursday, August 29th from 2:15-3:00 pm**. I will most likely also be visiting with former students and putting the finishing touches on our classroom for the **first day, Tuesday, September 3rd**. As a reminder, students should start arriving in the classroom starting **at 8:05 a.m.** and are expected to be in the classroom by 8:20 a.m. on the first day of school.

For the **first day** of school **you will need** several things:

- Your school supplies (supply kits ordered through school will be waiting for you). If you were not able to order, please contact the PTC at: [Schoolsupplies@broadmeadowptc.org](mailto:Schoolsupplies@broadmeadowptc.org).
- Three books you have NOT read and can do so comfortably and independently. You will leave these at school for the first few weeks until our classroom library is open.
- Artifacts to decorate your writer's notebook that will help you reflect on memorable experiences, important people, places, and pets, sports, music, or hobbies.

Parents/Guardians, in the first few days of school, be expecting many forms to fill out with short deadlines. In an effort to get to know you and your child more personally, I will be scheduling **10 minute mini conferences** during the **first two weeks of September**. This is your opportunity to share with me your hopes and dreams for your child, information about his or her interests, strengths, challenges, and social relationships. Mini-conferences will be held most afternoons between 3-4 and you will be getting an email from Sign-up Genius the first day of school. If you are unable to attend a mini conference, I will send home an electronic Parent Interview form for you to complete instead. I will also be posting this letter on our classroom website at: <http://hsmithgrade4.weebly.com/>. There you can also find information on upcoming events at the beginning of the year including Curriculum Night which will be held on September 12th.

I am excited to meet you all soon! I look forward to building a classroom community of inquisitive learners who take pride in the effort we put forth, set goals that will help us grow as individuals and as a group, and look forward to problem solving as an opportunity for making connections, all while supporting and taking care of each other. Enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation!

Best Wishes,  
Mrs. Smith