Dear 4th Grader,

Welcome to 4th grade at Strawbridge Elementary School! My name is Mr. Bonder and I'm very excited to be your 4th grade teacher. I have been teaching in Haddon Township for 19 years, 13 of which have been at Strawbridge. I live in Haddonfield with my wife, Danielle, and my three kids, Kaitlyn (17), Luke (15) and Cole (10)... and my dog, Champ!

In my spare time I enjoy coaching my kids, running, traveling, and spending time with my family at the beach. How about you? What activities do you enjoy in your free time? Be ready to tell me when you return to school in September.

Below is a list of supplies that you will need throughout the year. These items are not needed for the first day, but I do ask that you purchase the materials within the first week or so of school. Also, please put your name on ALL of your supplies.

- 5 one-subject notebooks (1. Writing, 2. Reading, 3. Social Studies, 4. Math, 5. Science). Marble notebooks work best. It would be a good idea to get different colors, and write your name on each one. * Feel free to decorate the cover of the notebook you designate to be your Writer's Notebook.
- 3 sturdy folders- 1 for homework, 1 for classwork, and 1 for Spanish
- 1 box of colored pencils (24 count)
- A few packages of small sticky notes
- 2 boxes of pencils (not mechanical)
- 1 small glue stick
- 1 pair of student-sized scissors (to fit in your pencil case)

- 1 pkg. of college-ruled notebook paper (<u>reinforced</u> paper is preferred)
- 1 sturdy cloth pencil pouch (not a box)
- 2 thin highlighter markers
- 1 pencil sharpener (The kind that has a container attached for the shavings)
- 2 boxes tissues
- Ear buds for the iPad (in a baggie with your name on it)

For ART Class:

- A large t-shirt in a Zip lock bag for your Art Smock.
- Please write the child's name on the bag.

I am greatly looking forward to getting started. I know we will have an outstanding year filled with exciting activities and fun learning. Throughout the year, please know that I am always available to help in any way I can. Never hesitate to reach out to me via email.

Thanks,

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