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Dear Parents,

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with your child next year! I have been teaching for about 20 years now and I still continue to learn so much from my students. I am excited about working at St. Francis as I am committed to Catholic education. My family moved to Oregon 4 years ago and we love it here! I have a 12 year old daughter and a 15 year old son.

I have taught 4th grade for several years and I enjoy this age tremendously. The students are enthusiastic about learning. 4th grade is an exciting year! I would like your child to read over the summer. I am enclosing a reading list and some directions that need to be read with your child. It is also important to continue to practice the multiplications facts over the summer. Take flash cards on car rides or set aside time during the week to review.

I look forward to meeting all of you in September. I was able to drop by St. Francis the last week of school and meet the students. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

God Bless,

Mrs. Sheri McCarry

1. Required summer reading: Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona Forever*

Each student needs to complete a reading journal. Write a 3-5 sentence paragraph summarizing the main events in each chapter.

There will be a test given on this book within the first few days of school.

2. Pick one book from the following list:

Estes, Eleanor. *The Moffats; Ginger Pye*; or others.

Giff, Patricia. *Fourth Grade Celebrity*

Sachar, Louis. *Sideways Schools* series.

Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms*

Reynolds, Phyllis. *Shiloh*

O'Brien, Robert. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

Erickson, John R. *Hank the Cowdog*

Horvath, Polly. *Everything on a Waffle*

Book Report directions: create a book jacket for the book you read. The front cover needs a hand drawn (and colored) illustration. Be sure to include the title and author on the front cover as well. Write a summary of the book on the inside flap. (Be sure to write the summary in your own words.) Bring this with you on the first days of school. Have fun and be creative!