



Dear New Fourth Grader:

Congratulations! You made it to what I truly hope will be your best year yet at Central. I am Mr. Elman and I will be your fourth grade teacher. I am looking forward to starting a great school year together and to seeing you in person on August 23rd. I hope you are as excited about being in fourth grade as I am to be your teacher.

I know that in just a few short weeks I will have the chance to get to know you a lot better so I thought I would tell you just a couple of things about me first. I am married to someone most of you know (hint: think about Central School's office). I have two married adult-children, Michael and Madeline (who is a second grade teacher at Romona). Ozzie, our 13 year old Australian Labradoodle, is the final member of my family. He always manages to keep us quite busy, that is when he isn't sleeping (he's an old man). I spent my summer loving lake life with family and friends, riding over 500 miles on my bike, completing my first ever Lego design (it will be in our room), and enjoying all that summer has to offer. I truly value friendships and hope you will nurture many old and new ones throughout this entire school year.

I am very happy that we get to start the year as a new community at Central. I promise you that I am going to do **ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING** I can to make sure that you have a **GREAT** year in Room 213 and that **TOGETHER** we make and share loads of fun and silly and lasting memories.

Like always, our school year will be packed with a lot of engaging, fun, and challenging subjects and activities to learn and study. Just a few of these are: innovations, multiplication & division, problem solving, STEM challenges, 'Listen Up's', and a whole lot more. Our reading and writing will cover a variety of genres, including both fiction and non-fiction. We will also explore several new concepts in science and take a look at social studies through the same lenses that you did in third grade.

I fully expect our year to be filled with: wonderful friendships, a tremendous amount of learning, substantial brain-growth, a **BIG BOOST** to your self-confidence, terrific experiences, a lot of hard work, fantastic community building, perseverance, and great team-building opportunities while always giving our very best effort no matter what we are doing. If we consistently work hard together throughout the year, you will be **AMAZED** at what you can achieve. 'BE YOU - BE HAPPY' and get psyched for our year together, I certainly am!

I can't wait to see you on August 23rd and for our school year to get started. I hope you really enjoy the end of your summer!

With great anticipation to spend our school year together,
Mr. Elman