**Dear Upcoming Fourth Grader,** 

I am looking forward to having you in my class next year!

I hope you have an exciting summer planned and that you are ready for all we will learn next year in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It is very important to keep reading this summer, so I am giving you a summer challenge. Each week I would like for you to read one book. You can read more if you like, but I am just asking you that you read one. It doesn't have to be any particular type or reading level. It just needs to be something that you will enjoy. I have attached a Summer Reading Log for you to write the name of the book and the author beside each week. Notice that there is nothing for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday, America!

In addition to the book you choose to read each week, you are REQUIRED to read <u>Because of Winn Dixie</u>, by Kate DiCamillo. You may check the book out from your local library or purchase the book at a bookstore or from Amazon. When you return to school in August, I will test you on that book and you will also take the AR test to get you started on all the points you will earn to attend the AR Parties.

I hope you have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Mrs. Susan