Shoesmith 4th Grade Reading, Writing & Social Studies

Hello rising 4th graders!

My name is Ms. Lehner and I will be your 4th grade literacy (reading, writing and social studies) teacher next year! Some of you might look familiar in the fall, because I completed my student teaching at Shoesmith with Ms. Lane! I am SO excited to be back at Shoesmith and cannot wait to meet all of you in September!

I grew up in Alexandria, Virginia which is very close to Washington, D.C. After I graduated high school, I attended Michigan State University to earn my degree in Elementary Education. After college, I worked at Shoesmith for one year as a student teacher. For the past two years I have worked at a school near Washington Park here in Chicago as the 4th grade literacy teacher!

I LOVE teaching literacy. I know that it is my job as YOUR teacher to make learning fun, relevant and impactful. I work hard to get to know all of my students so that I can help them find ways to be engaged in reading, writing and social studies. We will collaborate a lot with one another so that we also build our skills in discussion, problem solving and respectful dialogue. We will conduct research projects where you get to find the answers to your own questions! It is going to be a busy year but an enjoyable one!

I have high expectations for my students. I promise to go above and beyond to help you learn but I need you to do the same! Being on time, prepared and ready to participate are all very important things you need to do in 4th grade and throughout your life! I hope you all have a wonderful summer and enjoy the sunshine!

Your summer assignment is attached and consists of 3 parts.

- 1. Read Dork Diaries and complete the book report.
- 2. Read 20 minutes each day and LOG your reading on the reading log.
- 3. Write a narrative on your most favorite summer day!

Also, our classroom website link is: lehner4literacy.weebly.com You can find the summer assignment, supply list and welcome letter there if you need another copy!

See you in September! -Ms. Lehner