

4th Grade
Parent –
Teacher Meet
and Greet

4th Grade – Room 411
Mrs. Wheeler
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Dear Old Wire Family,

I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! This is my 12th year in education and my 11th year in the Rogers District. My husband and I have three children and live in Rogers. When I'm not teaching, I love to attend auctions, read, collect antiques and enjoy really good coffee. 😊

Fourth Grade is such an exciting and challenging year. Your child will perfect skills already in their repertoire and begin to do things you may have never thought possible! There is so much joy for me in watching your child learn new things and extend previous learning.

You will find that I have very high expectations for our classroom – your child *and* myself. Your child's happiness and well-being are always a top concern for me. I want our classroom to feel like their “home away from home”. You and I also make up a vital team with me providing a very important service to you, your child and your family as a whole. Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome and important to me.

What a blessing your child will be to myself, their classmates and Old Wire. Happy School Year 2014-2015 to you all!

Mrs. Jennifer Wheeler

Teacher to Parent Communication

Homework, Class-work and Behavior

- **Email** – *Do I have yours?*
Mine: jwheeler@rps.k12.ar.us
- **Weekly Homework Calendar** – homework assignments, announcements and learning goals
- **Tuesday Folder** – completed class work, notes from school
- **Monthly Calendar** – daily behavior notes, school and classroom events

Locations?

- Homework Folder
- Blue Tuesday Folder

Parent to Teacher Communication

- **ALL TRANSPORTATION CHANGES** need to be made by phone to the office or with a written note or email to me.
- You may always contact me by email at jwheeler@rps.k12.ar.us, by phone at 631-3510, or with a note sent in the Homework Folder.
- You may also **schedule** a conference to discuss your child **at any point** during the school year by emailing me or calling me to **set up a time**.

Classroom Rules

- Be prepared for class.
- Be respectful at all times.
- Follow directions the first time.
 - Stay on task.
 - Do the right thing.

Behavior Plan

- 1st Reminder – Warning.
- 2nd Reminder – Student will sign the behavior notebook and a note will be written on the monthly calendar. Please initial that you've seen the note.
- 3rd Reminder – Student will sign the behavior notebook, complete a Think Sheet during recess, and a note will be written on the monthly calendar. Please sign / initial the note on the homework calendar and the Think Sheet.
- ***Serious infractions*** and ***more than three redirects*** will be handled by the office.

Classroom Incentives

- Students will receive a “check” each week for them to “deposit” based on their behavior, attitude and responsibility throughout the week.
- “Cash” prizes and tickets will also be spontaneously awarded for extraordinary things. This will also be “deposited” into student accounts.
- Each quarter, students will participate in our classroom auction where they can spend their “money” or tickets to purchase items.
- We are always on the lookout for small toys, gift certificates / cards, costume jewelry, books... Could you help us out with these items? Gently used is always welcome!

Homework Policy

Homework assignments from our classroom will be reinforcement of skills **ALREADY** taught or completion of daily work that may have required additional time. I will not assign homework containing material that we have not already covered in class. If you're ever unsure of an assignment, please feel free to send a note or email. I do try to be flexible with students because they are little guys and will forget things occasionally. Here are the guidelines for our classroom homework policy:

- Homework assignments will be noted on the Weekly Homework Sheet along with the date that they are due.
- Any assignment that is not completed and handed in on the required due date, will be noted in the Homework Folder. Two or more missed assignments in a week will require a "Think Sheet" to be completed by your child and signed by you.
- A missing homework log will be completed on Fridays for any assignments that are unaccounted for at the end of the week.
- *If something comes up and your child can not complete a homework assignment, just let me know by note or email so that I can jot an explanation in the Homework Notebook. The note must come **THE DAY THE ASSIGNMENT IS DUE**. This assignment will have an additional day for completion and return.*
- **If completing homework becomes an issue for your child, let's meet and discuss ways that we can work together to make this element of classroom instruction successful for them.**

Ways You Could Help

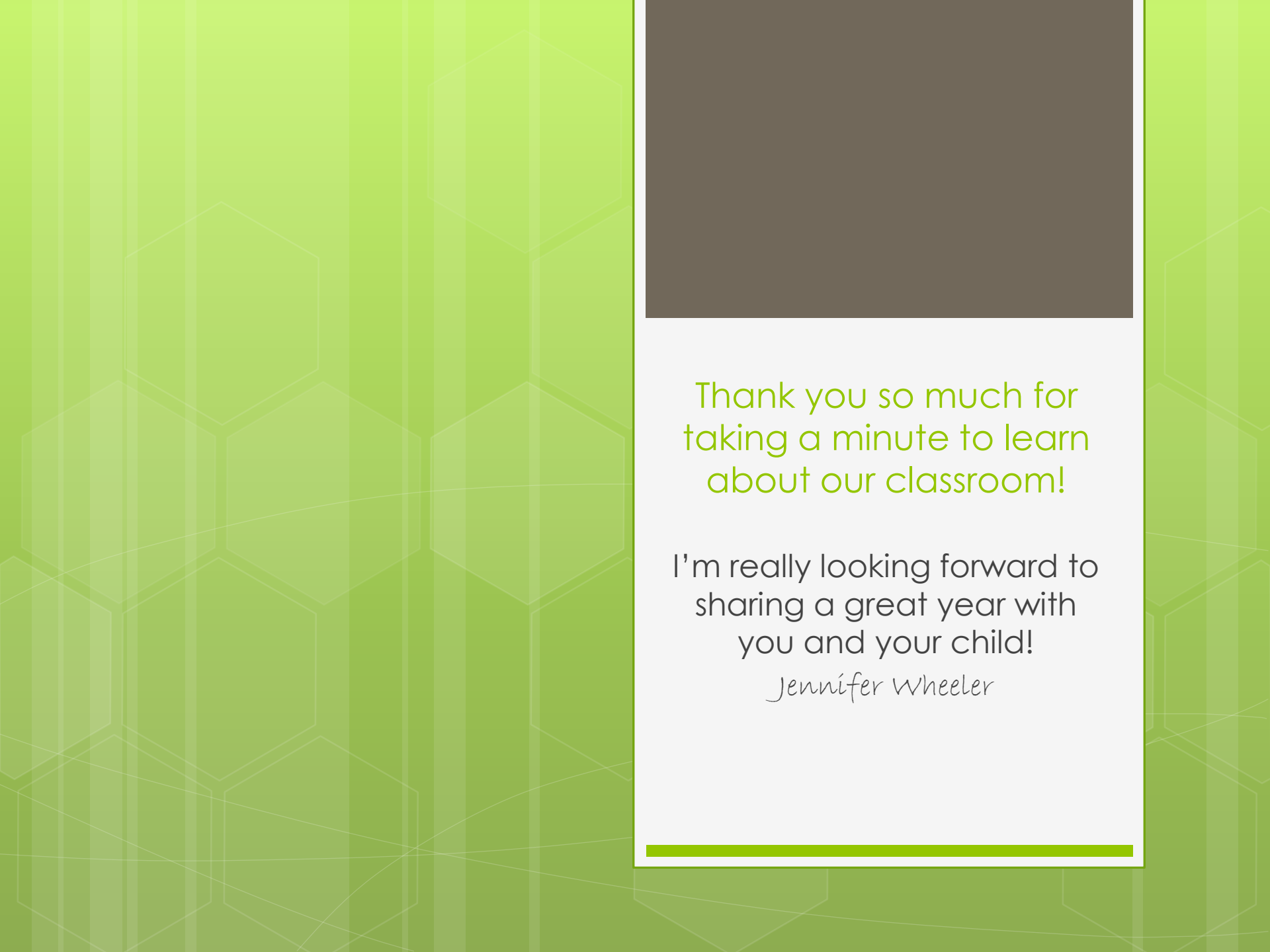
- Please help your child to be organized and ready each night before going to bed. This makes such a tremendous difference in the success of their day.
- Please check Homework and Tuesday folders on a regular basis so that your child knows their classroom work and behavior are very important.
- Provide a quiet, organized place for your child to read and complete homework assignments each afternoon.
- Donate items for our quarterly classroom auction!
- Be involved at Old Wire! Join PTO, attend events, ask questions, be available.
- Come visit us in 411 anytime! 😊

School Day Information

- **Breakfast** begins serving at 7:30 and ends at 7:45.
- Class **begins** at 7:30.
- Class **ends** at 2:45
- **Car Riders** – Please DO NOT drop off in parking lot. Follow circular drive and drop at front doors.
- Changes in transportation need to be made as early as possible with a phone call to office or note to teacher.
- **Lunch** is at 12:15 You are **always welcome** to take a break from life's hustle and bustle and come have lunch with your child. You DO NOT have to schedule or notify us of this.
- **Parents** are welcomed and encouraged in our building. You may come and join us in our classroom at ANY time if you would like to see your child in action.

Miscellaneous

- Pack light sweater in backpack
- Water bottles (no cups with lids, **water** only)
- Friday Art – 7:45 **Arrive early!**
- PTO / Classroom - Volunteers are NEEDED!
Could you lend a helping hand?



Thank you so much for
taking a minute to learn
about our classroom!

I'm really looking forward to
sharing a great year with
you and your child!

Jennifer Wheeler
