

Dear students,

Welcome to Miss Fingerle's fourth grade class! I am looking forward to you being in my class this year. I teach Language Arts, Spelling/Vocabulary, Writing, and Literature classes for fourth – sixth grades. I graduated from Summa Cum Laude from Berry College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in May of 2008 and with an ESOL/ELL Endorsement. I hold both State and ACSI teaching certifications, and this will be my fourth year teaching, but my third year here at Unity.

When I am not teaching, I like to read, hike, visit museums, and travel. I studied abroad in Italy during the summer of my junior year at Berry College, and ever since I have loved to travel and explore new places. Last summer, I was blessed to be able to travel to Hawaii and the Bahamas on a vacation and to Guatemala on a mission's trip with my church, Cornerstone Church of Rome. This summer I will be traveling to Alaska on a cruise for a week. I will have lots of pictures to show you when school starts!

As a teacher, one of my favorite things is to help students learn to enjoy reading and discover how to express their own stories. I love to see students grow in their understanding of academics and the Lord, and then put that knowledge into practical use.

In regards to suggestions on how to be prepared for fourth grade, make sure that you have read the required summer reading books and completed the activities for each. These will be due when school begins. You also need to purchase all of the items on the supply list and have them ready for the first day of school. Try to have a plan prepared for how you will stay organized throughout the year. Remember, you will be switching to three teachers this year! On the first day of school, I will help you set up your binder and organize your cubby. I am looking forward to working with you, and I am sure that we will have a blessed school year.

See you in a few days,

Miss Fingerle