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Dear Scholar,

Have you ever made a stop action movie or impersonated someone famous? Have you ever pet a chinchilla or an armadillo? Have you visited our State Capitol or biked to Angel Island? Welcome to Fourth Grade! These are just a few of the interesting things we’ll be doing this year.

My name is Ms. Monti and I’m your 4th grade teacher. This is my thirteenth year of teaching, but it will be my fourth year teaching here at Strawberry Point Elementary. I’m thrilled to be at this wonderful school and VERY excited to meet you. Here are a few facts about myself. My favorite color is azure. I can speak a little bit of Italian and a little bit of Spanish. I played on the soccer team at UC Berkeley. I love to travel to places where I can swim or surf. Three of my favorite authors are Kate DiCamillo, Roald Dahl and Shel Silverstein.

I have been preparing a fun and challenging fourth grade program for our class.

Academically, we will cover a lot of ground this year. Here are just some of the things we’ll be learning about:

**Math:**

* Place Value
* Multiplication and Division
* Fractions and Decimals
* Geometry
* Data and Graphs
* Measurement
* Probability

**Science:**

* Geology
* Electricity and Magnetism
* Adaptations

**Social Studies:**

* California History

**Language Arts:**

* Readers Workshop

(So many great books, so little time!)

* Writers Workshop

(We’ll be doing a ton of writing: stories, poems, non-fiction, letters and essays!)

In addition, you will also be participating in Strawberry Point’s fantastic **Art, Music, Dance, Garden, Poetry, Library** and **PE** programs!

A sense of community in the classroom is also very important to me. There will be an emphasis on working together, sharing our strengths and cheering one another on.

I’m looking forward to a terrific year with you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Monti