



Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Smiling faces, anxious eyes, stuffed backpacks, it is 3:30 p.m.! School's out! Time to go home! There is a silent calm to the classroom now that the students have left and I sit here at my desk, looking at their empty seats. I feel happy and sad because I just said good-bye to my lovely 4th grade class. However, I enjoy this moment to reflect on our year together. There are so many things we learned. Yet, there is so much more I want to teach them. Being a teacher has its ups and downs. I ask myself, "Did I do my best?" "What if there was something I forgot to do?" These thoughts do fill my head at times but as I tell my students, "Let's focus on what we do, not on what we haven't accomplished."

Each year I learn more from my students and each year I am reminded of why I am a teacher. Children are beautiful and I believe that their hearts and little minds are our future and it is important to guide them so that they can take care of us when we are old. ☺ I truly enjoyed teaching your child this year and I would like to thank you for your support, your feedback, and your time that you dedicated to our classroom. It is an honor to have met you & your child and I am grateful to add 18 more students to my list of students that I have taught in my life.

ISLA is a wonderful school because of the people who are here and make it that way. I wish you a summer full of inquiry, relaxation, reflection and some quiet reading time. There is a sequel to the "Birchbark House" by Louise Erdrich called "The Game of Silence" that I recommend and "Brian's Hunt" which is the sequel to "Hatchet." Enjoy the sun, fresh air and our wonderful MN lakes.

To a great summer!

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Sra. Boeser

P.S I will be offering tutoring sessions this summer. If you are interested in having your child exercise his/her thinking skills please email me or contact the school office!