



August 1, 2016

Dear Parents,

Summer Vacation is coming to an end and the first day of school is just around the corner! My name is Eddie Thompson and I will be your child's 4<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. I am delighted to have your child in my class this year.

Mrs. Baker will be instructing your child in the areas of Reading and Language Arts, while my role will be to teach Math, Science and Social Studies. I am looking forward to a very successful year and I know you are as well. We have high expectations for your child and we will be doing all that we can to help your child achieve those expectations and more. However, we know that we must work together for the benefit of your child. We need your input and support with academic, social, emotional, as well as, behavioral issues. Together we can work as a team to ensure a successful school year.

I have a teaching degree from Miami University and a graduate degree in administration from Xavier University. My wife of sixteen years and I have experienced the joy of bringing three children into the world. My daughter's name is Alyssa who is now eleven, my son Eli is nine years old and our son Evan is now 7 months old. Being a parent has given me a greater appreciation of the difficulties in raising children to be individuals. It has also given me a greater understanding of the needs that children desire most.

I taught first grade for nine years, second grade for 3 years and this will be my sixth year in fourth grade here at Fairfield North Elementary. Being around children has and continues to be an exciting challenge for me. I enjoy taking part in the learning process, especially at the younger ages because of the impact that it has on the future of their educational development.

I invite you to attend our "Open House" on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-5:45. It is during this visit that you will be able to bring your child into the classroom to explore their new learning environment and learn some of the important characteristics associated with fourth grade. I am also going to provide you with a fourth grade resource packet to get us started on the right foot. Your child is welcome to bring their supplies to the open house as they locate their seat. They should bring their binder and colored folders so they can hole punch them when they arrive in the room. We will use the binder to keep us organized while switching classes. The binder will come home daily and should return to school each and every day. Bringing in school supplies early will also make their backpacks a lot lighter on the first day of school. My only request is that their supplies must fit into a single school pouch or box so that it isn't too difficult for them to transport their things from one class to another. ☺ For a sneak preview of the room or if you are unable to attend the open house, feel free to browse our class website at [www.mrthompsonsclassroom.com](http://www.mrthompsonsclassroom.com)

I am sure we will enjoy our year together in fourth grade and I am looking forward to a great class of students here at Fairfield North. I will be notifying you of our progress throughout the year by e-mail, phone, and our classroom website. If you have any questions prior to the open house, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [thompson\\_e@fairfieldcityschools.com](mailto:thompson_e@fairfieldcityschools.com) or call my voice mail at 868-0070 (ext. 579).

Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Thompson

*-Each time one prematurely teaches a child something he could have discovered for himself, that child is kept from inventing it and consequently from understanding it completely.*

-Jean Piaget

