



March 27, 2017

Dear Fourth Graders,

Each year, on April 1st, people celebrate the day, known as "All Fool's Day" by playing practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. The jokes and their victims are known as "April fools". Popular since the 19th century, this day is not a national holiday in any country, but well known and practiced in India, Canada, Europe, Australia, Brazil and the United States. In your letter, tell me about the best April Fool's Joke you have played, or write about a joke you would like to play on someone. Remember to be safe!

Martin Cooper, an inventor, changed the world when he made the first cell phone call over 40 years ago. He made his call on April 3, 1973, on the streets of New York City. Cooper's call did more than disconnect people from fixed phone lines; it opened the door to tech mobility and continues to affect virtually every aspect of our lives. People don't just use their mobile devices to make phone calls. In fact, they do a lot less of that now. They use their phones to browse the Internet, order delivery food, play word games with each other, and keep up with texts and emails. Mobile devices, such as iphones and ipads, are even being used in the classroom to expand learning and to give students instant access to learning resources and materials. However, there is great debate as whether or not these mobile devices should be allowed in schools. In your letter, explain your personal opinion. Do you think mobile devices should be allowed in schools and why?

Please continue to include 5 complete sentences in each paragraph. Don't forget to include the 5 parts of a letter: the date, greeting, body, closing and signature. Please remember to sign your name in cursive at the end!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cozzi