



August 29, 2016

Dear Fourth Graders,

I hope you are loving 4th grade! I have loved getting to know you, and I'm sure we will become good friends very soon.

Last week, we read our first reading story, "Because of Winn-Dixie" from our Journey's reading book. This week, we will read a true story about a man named Martin Luther King, who changed our country forever with his bravery and kindness. These stories, and the next few, are all part of Unit 1, called "Reaching Out". The big idea of Unit 1 is that helping brings out the best in us. That seems like a very good way to begin the year. In your letter, tell me about a time you helped someone else. How did it make you a better person? Tell me the whole story and don't leave out any details.

When introducing myself to others for the first time, I like to talk about my favorite hobbies, or activities that I like to do. I love to sing! I like to sing when I'm cleaning, riding in the car, and even walking down the street. Singing makes me happy. What are your hobbies? Do you collect anything? What activities make you happy? In your letter, tell me about your hobbies or collections.

I can't wait to read your letters this week. 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