



September 19, 2016

Dear Fourth Graders,

We have already started to feel the cooler weather of fall, but this is actually our last week of summer. The fall season begins on September 21, and I am ready for pumpkins, crunching leaves, and baking apples. I enjoyed reading your letters last week and am very impressed with how many excellent writers we have in this class! Keep it up!

Last week, we read a story called, "The Power of W.O.W." This story focuses on working together as a group, in order to make a positive difference. One of my favorite sayings is, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Small acts of kindness can change the hearts and minds of others. By understanding that we can make a difference, now we must decide *how we will make a difference*. In your letter, tell me how you will make a difference in the world. What will you do to help others or the planet?

In the classroom, we have been working very hard at being an active member in a group. Many of you may already belong to a group, such as a sports team or club. Do you play a team sport? Do you dance with other kids? Maybe you are part of a theater or art club? In your letter, tell me about the activities you like to do when you must work together with others, as part of a group.

I can't wait to learn more about you 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