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**HELEN BARRETT MONTGOMERY SCHOOL 50 • ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> grade! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are as excited as we are to get back to school. We are looking forward to productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school.

This year we will be team teaching in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. As teachers, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. What does team teaching mean? It means that the students will be switching classrooms throughout the day for different subjects. Mrs. Peers will be teaching ELA, Mrs. Meyer will be teaching Math and Mr. Wiepert will be teaching Science and Social Studies. We feel that by using our strengths and expertise as teachers, it will help all of the children to grow as learners and help us to meet the needs of each child.

We will be using ClassDojo as a way to have open communication between families and teachers. ClassDojo is a digital classroom management tool designed to help teachers improve student behavior and communicate more effectively with parents. Each student gets an avatar, which the child can personalize, and teachers create goals or behaviors to track, such as turning in homework, participating in class, or staying on task. Teachers can use a smartphone, tablet or computer to give or take away points throughout the school day. Parents can access ClassDojo through the website or download the app to a tablet or phone.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email us. We are eager to work together to help all of the children reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

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