## Dear Families,

Welcome to the fourth grade! This year your child will be departmentalizing, therefore will have two teachers for their core subjects. If they were at Wolf Lake Elementary last year, this is the same thing that they did in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. They will switch classes for Reading/Writing, and also for Math/Science/Social Studies each day. We will do our best this year to provide each student with a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom, however, we cannot do this alone. The learning process needs to be a team effort by teachers, parents, and students. Please encourage your child at home, check that they have completed their assignments, and help them study for assessments. To keep you informed of all summatives, standards covered, and new information, we do a weekly newsletter that will come home in Friday Folders. Close communication between school and home is of the utmost importance. We have a very busy and exciting year in store for us, and I know with your help, we are going to have an incredible year!

My name is Julie Vazquez, and I will be your homeroom teacher, as well as your ELA teacher. I have my Master's in Elementary Education from UCF (Go Knights!). This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I have previously taught 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I am married to my husband, Ricky, and we have two girls. Ava is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader and Maya is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader! In my free time I enjoy running, reading, traveling, crocheting, and working on puzzles. I love finding new and engaging ways to make learning fun! I'm so excited for this year to start!

My name is Amanda Redder and I will be your Math/Science/SS teacher. I graduated in 2006 from University of Central Florida. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and this is my 18th year teaching. I am married to my wonderful husband, Robbie, and we have 2 boys: Jacob, who will be a ninth grader at Apopka High, and Jeremiah, who will be in seventh grade at Wolf Lake Middle School. I enjoy reading, boating, fishing and spending time with my family and church community during my free time. I love teaching and incorporating fun learning opportunities into the classroom. It's going to be a great year!

Once again, welcome to fourth grade. We are looking forward to working together to ensure your child has a wonderful year and has all the support needed to be successful. We can't wait to see you all soon!

Mrs. Redder & Mrs. Vazquez

## Additional supplies needed:

2 Composition books, any color

I Poly Blue Folder with pockets

I Poly Red Folder with pockets

I 6qt Sterilite clear tub w/top and latches

2 pack of black Sharpies

OPTIONAL: Your child may bring a package of erasers (any kind) if they would like them.