

A Note from Mrs. Chenier

Dear Families,

Welcome to 4th grade! My name is Ellen Chenier, and I am delighted to be your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. This is my sixth year at Emerson, and I continue to be thrilled to be a part of the Emerson team. I graduated from Eastern Michigan University Suma Cum Laude in 2002 with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education, and I earned my Masters in the Art of Teaching in May of 2009. Over the past seventeen years I have taught at both the elementary and middle school levels, specializing in reading and writing.

You will find that I am an avid horse and cat lover, as is my eldest son, Josh, and my husband Joe. Your child will be immersed in stories of Clyde, my off the track thoroughbred racehorse, and Captain Jack Sparrow, my Tennessee Walking horse. You will also hear anecdotes about our crazy cats Pookey, Spike, and Polly. My youngest son, Isaac, enjoys feeding our horses apples and indulging our cats, but he spends most of his time working behind a computer, as he is an Information Technology (IT) specialist. He is also the father of our awesome grandson, Joseph and lovely granddaughter, Madison Grace. Isaac and his life partner, Amber, live in Jackson, Michigan. This makes us happy, as we are close enough to see Joseph and Madison pretty often. My family and I also enjoy visiting our cottage in northern Indiana. I love to read, paint, write, and enjoy the peace of the woods when I am there. I am interested in learning about your child's interests and passions as we work closely together to grow creatively and academically this year.

I have a wonderful year planned with great lessons, hands-on activities, projects, field trips, and the opportunity to explore what inspires and motivates your child. I am really looking forward to our fall 4th grade camp excursion. This will be a powerful way to kick off our year together. Our class will attend camp October 2-4 with Ms. Dimitroff's 4th grade class. Please look for the detailed camp email that will follow in the next few weeks. Also, we need chaperones for camp. Please consider attending as a chaperone. I can honestly say that you will have a blast. Curriculum Night is September 5th at 7:00 pm. Ms. Dimitroff and I look forward to welcoming everyone to the classroom that evening to discuss our year in more detail.

We will be hitting the ground running on day one of school so please have your supplies by the first day. We will spend some time getting organized that first morning. Please label all supplies with name or initials. I look forward to welcoming everyone to the classroom on Curriculum Night to discuss our year in more detail.

Please checkout our classroom website at <http://5chenier.weebly.com>. It will be a huge resource for you and your child during the school year. Be sure to bookmark this page for future reference☺ Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Warmest regards,
Ellen Chenier

Supply List:

- Pencils/Pens
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Basic calculator for home use
- Highlighters (minimum of 4 different colors)
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Scissors
- Scotch tape
- Large heavy duty glue stick
- Sturdy plastic supply zipper pouch or box (that holds ALL pencils, markers, tape, scissors, etc. and can fit in the desk)
- Water Bottle
- Headphones or ear buds
- Wireless mouse

I was able to purchase the specific binders and dividers we will use this year at a discounted bulk rate. Your accounts will be billed for these items.