

## Hello!

My name is Miss Dutton and I am going to be your homeroom teacher this year. By the time you read this, however, I will be Mrs. Kessler. I just got married on August  $7^{th}$ , so I have a brand new name!

This will be my eighth year of teaching fourth grade at East Ward. I am thrilled to be your teacher and continue to learn with you every day. This year I will be teaching English Language Arts. You will have Mrs. Ellis for Math, Science, and Social Studies. We will dive into literature starting the first week of school, and I hope to help you find your love of reading! It is going to be a fun year filled with memories.

I cannot wait to meet you and learn all about you, but first I am going to tell you a few things about me. I grew up in the Owen J. Roberts School District. I graduated from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA with my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. In addition to getting my bachelor's degree, I played Division III softball. I received my masters of literacy from West Chester University. I am currently getting my doctorate from American College of Education. In my spare time I enjoy reading, shopping, cooking, going to the beach, watching the Phillies, walking with my black lab Winnie, and spending time with my family.

I am eager to meet you and welcome you to fourth grade! I have so many things I want to share with you and I cannot wait to hear all about your summer vacation. Be sure to check the EW Backpack on the EW website to find your supply list. There is one more thing I need you to start preparing for our first week of school. Please start collecting some pictures that describe you and what you like (i.e. your family, your pets, your hobbies, etc.)! This will be for a project that will be displayed all year long, so make copies of these pictures to bring in. Please bring in your pictures by August 3lst. No original copies please!

I am looking forward to meeting you soon!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, Mrs. Kessler