



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2023

Welcome to fourth grade at Seneca Academy! We are excited to begin another year at Seneca Academy and look forward to having your child in class. We know this will be a year of learning, growth, friendship-building, and discovery. We cannot wait to get started!

Your child's teacher looks forward to meeting you and your child at our Meet and Greet and first day of school on **Tuesday, August 29**. Please park and bring your child to the classroom at 9:00 am. (There will be additional parking in the lot at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church next door.) We will have a variety of parent and child activities through the morning and then will have a bring-your-own-bag lunch picnic together in the backyard. We will end at 12:30 pm. During this morning together, you will receive information about carpool, classroom volunteer opportunities, Parent Association activities and volunteer opportunities, and other information important to your child's year here. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

On **Wednesday, August 30**, we will begin our regular schedule 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Beginning on that day your child will need a snack that is quick to eat (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bars, or cheese stick) and a lunch. We drink water for a snack, which is available from our in-class water fountain, but we highly recommend that students bring a reusable water bottle. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

There will be a Summer Social and used uniform sale for all elementary students and their families on **Friday, August 18** from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. SAPA will be sending out invitations soon, so keep an eye out for it in your inbox!

The fourth grade supply list is available at [www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school](http://www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school). You may drop off these supplies in a bag with your child's name on it during the summer social, bring them to the before-school conference on August 28 if you choose to have one, or simply bring them with you to Meet and Greet.

For summer reading, students have a choice of two books: *Makoons* by Louise Erdrich or *Morning Girl*, by Michael Dorris. *Morning Girl* is also available as an audiobook, which would be a fine option for students. Of course, if your child would like to read both of these books, that would be great too! Our discussion of these books will lead into our first inquiry unit on indigenous people. In addition to these books, please encourage your student to read all summer long!

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!