Welcome Fourth Grade families to a new year at Mountain Oak School! Mountain Oak School's Eighth Grade Class of 2017! I am looking forward to the start of this new school year! I am thrilled that I will be fortunate enough to interact, teach, and carry your child through their Fourth Grade year up through their Eighth Grade Class graduation!

Fourth Grade will be an exciting year for your child and for you as parent or guardian! The educational focus this year will be the study of Norse Mythology, Man and Animal Kingdom, Fractions, Arizona History, Map Making, further development of Grammatical Rules. Fourth Grade students will continue form drawing, watercolor painting, sculpting and modeling, the violin, the diatonic flute, Spanish, and handwork this year. As always, the educational focus of this year will build from last years experience, will reflect upon each child's development, and carefully be woven throughout the year to create a rhythm which will promote the most growth for your child.

Soon after the school year begins, I will be sending out important letters. The letters will contain information about the schedule of your child's classroom daily routine and the schedule of Main Lesson blocks for their Fourth Grade year. There will also be other important information coming home with your child within the first few weeks of school, so please be on the look out for these letters. Communication and support from home is a key to your child's success!

The year will be full of creation, learning and growth! There will be a few home projects this year that I will ask for your support at home. We will also be going on exciting field trips that connect your child to the curriculum content they are learning about throughout the year.

Waldorf focuses around community.....community in the classroom, the community of the classroom's family, and the school community. Please start thinking about how you and your family can help out this year to develop our Fourth Grade community network. What amount of time do you and your family have to give? Think about how your interest and strengths could be used and shared. Do you like organizing and directing a phone tree? Are you great at planning and networking? Do you enjoy baking or could you purchase food items to help make fractions exciting? Do your work with or have a degree connected to animal study? Do you have a special talent that would connect to our studies this year? Would you enjoy being a chaperone for field trips?

I am excited to see each of you this year at the parent meetings scheduled throughout the year! After the first week of school I will be sending out an important letter to gather opinions about times and dates so we may create a calendar of our parent meetings. I understand that our lives our full and busy! My goal is to create days and times that will work for the majority of us to encourage attendance throughout the school year. During our parent meetings this year we will work together building our connections with each other, have a glimpse into the work your child is doing throughout the year, have some fun activities, and take a further look into the method of Waldorf and why we have chosen Mountain Oak Charter School for our child's education. Take note of Mountain Oak School's dress code before you start this school year. Please make sure your child wears enclosed toe shoes comfortable for running, jumping, and movement. I would also suggest sunscreen as we finish out the summer and possibly a hat with a visor for outdoor play.

Enjoy the rest of your summer with your family! I will see each of you and your Fourth Graders soon! Rested and ready for a full year of Waldorf influenced education!

Head, Hands, and Heart learning!

Ms. Williams

Before school starts lets get together at Prescott City's FLINN PARK for a POT LUCK Social!

DATE: Saturday, AUGUST 11th

TIME: 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Please RSVP so we can make sure there is a well rounded meal to share.

You may contact me by:

~ my email: shawnaewilliams738@gmail.com or call me at (406) 853-4515

Mountain Oak School
Fourth Grade Supply List

2 one inch - three ring binders (plain solid colors please)

2 two pocket folders (plain solid colors please)

1 Reusable Water Bottle with lid (this will be sent home on Fridays so it can be washed and clean for the next week)

Pencil Box – Zipper Cloth Pouch or Plastic Box (if desired)

Hand Held Pencil Sharpener (to accommodate large and regular sized pencils)

1 Package of Square or Rectangle Shaped Post-it Notes

1 Package of small Glue Sticks

1 Pair of Scissors

1 Realm of Copying Paper

1 roll of paper towels or reusable

1 Box of Tissues

1 bag of Natural Cough Drops (preferably Ricola)