Dear Families,

Welcome to 4th grade! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child and working together to help your child succeed! As parents and guardians, I understand that you are the most important teachers in your child’s life and it is with that understanding that I appreciate the role that you and I each play in the partnership to your child achieving the goals set forth for him or her. I have written an introduction letter to your child about myself but I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview as well. I earned my BS in Psychology from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State) and my Masters in Education from Houston Baptist University. I have fourteen years of teaching experience with Humble ISD, ten of which have been at Maplebrook Elementary. I have taught both second and fourth grade and am certified in GT as well as ESL. During the 2013-14 school year, I was honored with the placement in the top five finalists for the Region Leadership in Elementary category of the HEB Excellence in Education awards and received a $1,000 prize for myself as well as a $1,000 grant for Maplebrook. In addition, I was awarded Elementary Teacher of the Year for Humble ISD for 2014-15, and received an amazing trip to Sedona, Arizona, donated by Randall Reed Ford. I feel so blessed to have been recognized with these awards as well as to work with the best of the best at Maplebrook Elementary!

I will be teaching your child reading, writing, language, and social studies. As I stated in your child’s letter, I love all of the subjects that I teach but it is especially my goal to instill a lifelong passion of reading and writing in all of my students. I have very high expectations of myself as a teacher as well as of my students and I have always found that to be a formula for success! I want this to be an enjoyable year for all of my students but also a productive, challenging and encouraging year.

My main objective in writing this letter is to get to know my students. If you could please take a moment and write me a letter about your child, that would be immensely helpful since making your child feel comfortable in our classroom is a major part of his or her success as a student as well as mine as a teacher. I thank you in advance for taking the time to write to me. In addition to this letter, if you have any other concerns, please feel free to contact me. Communication is a huge part of your child’s success. If you have any questions/concerns, would like to visit our classroom, schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out, you can contact me at (281) 641-2926 or email me at lisa.guin@humble.k12.tx.us.

Once again, welcome to 4th grade! I know that, together, we can make this a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Guin