Welcome to the 4th grade! Yo! I can’t wait to get “Back to school” to learn some totally rad things! Like, are you catching on? Dude, I’m dropping some clues about our classroom theme. It’s “truly outrageous!”

I am so excited that I will see some familiar faces! Last year, I had many roles as I left the classroom to be an intervention teacher for 3rd and 4th grade students. This opportunity gave me a chance to also provide counseling and stem lessons, help administration as needed, and coordinate WES fest and Art Under the Stars. Now that our numbers have increased, I am “Back to the classroom!” Our open house will be on Monday, August 5th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. I will have a power point presentation at 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm to review lots of important details. I hope that you can attend. Otherwise, feel free to drop in throughout the day.

So, I’m sure you are wondering who is my teacher?!?!? My name is Mrs. Melinda Tyler. I married my high school sweetheart, Chris, almost 25 years ago. We have five sons ages 22, 11, 9, 8 and 4. We also have three dogs named Lily, Bailey, and Ducky. And don't forget my turtle named “Queen”! We love to spend our time, as a family, outdoors or working on rebuilding old cars/trucks. However, whenever I am alone, I like to paint, refurbish old furniture, and watch Crime TV.

I began teaching 25 years ago. This will be my 17th year at Wetumpka Elementary. I have spent 15 of those years in the same classroom. I have a bachelor’s degree in early childhood/elementary education. I have a Master’s in Elementary Ed and a Masters in School Counseling, as well as an Ed.S. in Counseling.

We are in the process of preparing our campus for construction so be careful.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! I can’t wait to meet my “Fantabulous” new friends!

Mrs. Tyler

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**Supply List:**  The following supplies will be given to each 4th grade student. Supplies will remain at school at all times.

pencil bag

pocket folders

notebook paper

composition books

crayons

colored pencils

highlighters

pencils

glue sticks

scissors

cap erasers

on the ear adjustable band headphones

The following supplies were not provided but will be needed.  Please purchase the following items.  Supplies will remain at school at all times.

* 1 pack of 6 or 8 tab dividers for binder
* 1 inch binder

The following supplies are optional.  I have noticed that some students  benefit from having these extra supplies available.

* Backpack
* Snack or lunch bag
* **Twist top water bottle**. No cups with straws.  Please do not send soda, juice, etc. Water only!  Students will be allowed to refill bottles at the water station throughout the day.
* USB connected computer mouse (NO bluetooth allowed)

The following items help our classroom.  Please donate.

Paper towels Kleenex Black Expo markers

Cleaning wipes Band-aids Color copy paper

Backpacks:  Backpacks will stay in the hallway during the school day.  Students will have a folder and library book to bring home nightly.  This reduces the need for oversized and stuffed backpacks.  Please help your child clean this out weekly. .

Cellphones:  We will follow the student Code of Conduct regarding Cell phones and personal electronics.  The following rules and procedures are located in the Student Code of Conduct.  I have included a few topics that have been problematic for fourth grade students in the past few years.

-PHOTOS AND VIDEOS: Students are not allowed to take photos or video with cell phone cameras or any other type of electronic device on campus unless for a classroom project with teacher/administrator permission.

-PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE

• ECPS is not responsible for any device stolen or damaged on campus. The district cannot replace or provide financial restitution for any stolen or damaged personal technological device.

o All personal devices must be in silent mode/off while on school campuses.

o The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non instructional purposes in the classroom.

o Personal devices may only be used to access information relevant to the classroom curriculum. Non-instructional games are not permitted.

o The teacher/administrators may prohibit the use of personal electronic devices.

o An administrator may examine a student’s personal device and search its contents, in accordance with disciplinary guidelines and the laws of the State of Alabama.

**Breakfast and Lunch:**  All students will receive free breakfast in the classroom as well as free lunch in the lunchroom.😊  Students may want to bring a small snack as we will have a 5 minute break.  I encourage each student to bring a water bottle to keep at their desk.  They may refill throughout the day during restroom breaks at the hallway bottle filling station.

**Restroom breaks:**

**Afternoon transportation changes:**  Any afternoon transportation changes must be made in writing and turned in to the front office.  Phone calls, texts, e-mails. etc **will not** be accepted

**Clothing**:  Please send your child in school appropriate clothes.  Shoes and clothing should fit and be suitable for PE.  Students will not have time to change shoes for PE.

I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time by email at [melinda.tyler@elmoreco.com](mailto:melinda.tyler@elmoreco.com).  The Remind 101 app will be used for announcements and reminders only.   You can join my Remind class by texting the message @ 4tyler to the number 81010.