

Welcome to 4th Grade!

We are going to **grOW** as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, and people who care for others. Together we're going to work hard, stretch our minds, create amazing things, travel the world, laugh-laugh-laugh, play games, dance, read books, and be silly. Once in a while we'll get stuck, because everything is not going to be easy. That's why I'm here though, to help you navigate through it all. Together we will problem solve, high five, fail and improve, dance, **CELEBRATE** your wonderful successes, and have a fun year!

Dear students,

My name is Mrs. Atkins and I cannot wait to be your 4th grade teacher. I have so many fun things planned for you. This is going to be a fantastic year of learning together! I hope you like hands on activities, creating projects, using your imagination, playing games, getting creative, and spreading kindness! You don't have to be a teacher to teach others, I'm going to be learning from YOU this year too. I am excited to see what you'll teach me.

This will be my 2nd year teaching 4th grade, and my 2nd year as a Sycamore Creek Croc! I grew up in Washington, D.C, Maryland, and Richlands, NC, which is a small little town near the coast. I attended college in Greensboro, NC. I moved to Raleigh after I graduated from college 9 years ago. Although I am new to SCES, I am not new to teaching. This school year I'll begin my 10th year teaching in Wake County. I taught in 2 other schools before becoming a Croc. I taught 1st grade for 4 years, Special Education for one year, and I spent the 3 years teaching 3rd grade.

Before school starts I have a fun piece of homework for you. Fill your "All About Me Bag" that you received at Meet the Teacher Night and have it ready for the first day of school!

I'm looking forward to our year together and hope that you have a **WONDERFUL** summer break!

Make it a great day!

~Mrs. Atkins