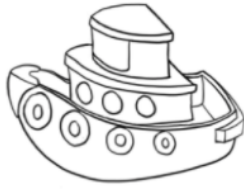


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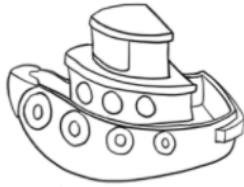
Welcome to a new 2026-2027 school year at River East Elementary! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are excited about the new school year! Throughout the school year, we will have the opportunity to learn about each and every child in our class, but we wanted to tell you a little bit about ourselves in advance.

Ms. Alyssa: I grew up in New York, but spent years living and teaching abroad, as well as in NYC. In my spare time I enjoy reading, spending time with family and traveling. This is my 7th year at River East. I'm excited to teach 4th grade this year! I look forward to spending this school year with you.

Ms. Kayee: I grew up in Queens, NY. I am proud to be a New Yorker because we are resilient. I love to read, travel and take long walks with my dog. I enjoy teaching at River East Elementary School. I take pride in being a tugboat and what it means to work together to achieve success! "We are small but mighty!" Small tugboats work together to pull big ships and help others. We will learn together and help each other!

About 4th Grade: Fourth grade is going to be a busy and exciting year, and we have lots of learning ahead of us. We ask that students become fluent with their multiplication facts (1-12) and practice these facts at home. Also, students will deepen their knowledge of fractions and learn about comparing fractions, placing fractions on a number line and creating equivalent fractions. Reading and writing will be targeted in our literacy block, which we schedule flexibly to include word study,

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small group guided reading, and independent reading. Students will continue to study fiction texts and make inferences by providing text evidence to support their claims about predictions, motivations, character traits, etc. In our non-fiction reading, we will focus on identifying the main idea of paragraphs and paying attention to text features.

We believe that you are the experts on your children and hope to establish a strong parent-teacher partnership to ensure academic success for our students. The school hours will be 8:20am to 2:40pm Monday through Friday. Please arrive on time, well-rested, and with your school supplies.

Here's to a successful school year!

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