

## FRIENDS SELECT

June 2010

Dear Rising Fourth Graders,

We hope that you are as excited as we are about spending your fourth grade year together! We are already thinking about all of the new things that we will explore and study as a group. One of these things is an author study on Roald Dahl, which will begin immediately when we return this fall. To prepare, we would like you to complete the following summer reading assignments.

1. Please read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.
2. Please read one other Roald Dahl book of your choice.

As you make your choices, please try to choose a book that you are not familiar with. If you have seen a movie adaptation of a book, please do not choose that book. We want you to experience a new book and form your own mental pictures of that book, and if you have pictures from a movie in your head, that is harder to do.

As you read, please consider the following questions:

1. How would you describe Roald Dahl's writing style? Do you like it?
2. Do you notice any patterns in the kinds of stories Roald Dahl tells?
3. Which book did you like better? Why?

We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall. Have a great summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Teachers Betsy and Hal