Dear New Fourth Grader:

First, Welcome to 4th Grade!! I am so happy to finally get to be your teacher. You have all grown physically and spiritually. We are going to have an awesome year, full of activities and learning new things in Math, Science, and Social Studies. We will dive into more reading and learning all about how to find answers to the questions asked. You will also be able to travel to another place and time into a fantasy world waiting, full of excitement and wonder.

For now, let us focus on the book you will be reading over the summer. You will be reading The Secret Lake. I spent many days trying to see what fun book you might enjoy and even asked the opinion of some of my former students and they said you would enjoy reading this one.

After reading the book, I would like you to complete the assignment below. This assignment will be turned in, the first week of school, for a grade. We will also be going over the book for a test about the story. I cannot wait to see you all. You are definitely rising to the challenge because you are now among the older students on the second floor at GSCS!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE
10 teacher-assigned iReady lessons in math
10 teacher-assigned iReady lessons in reading

See you in August and wishing you a fun-filled summer,

Mrs. Barzaga

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PERSONAL AND TEXTUAL CONNECTIONS TO :

THE SECRET LAKE

CHOSE 3 OF THE 4 QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

1. DO ANY OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE SECRET LAKE REMIND YOU OF SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE?
WHO AND HOW?

2. HOW ARE THE CHARACTERS, SETTING, AND PROBLEMS IN THE SECRET LAKE LIKE THOSE IN OTHER STORIES YOU HAVE READ?

3. WERE YOU REMINDED OF ANYTHING IN YOUR OWN LIFE WHILE READING THE SECRET LAKE?
WHAT AND HOW?

4. WHAT DOES MAKE THIS NOVEL YOU THINK OR WONDER ABOUT?

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SETTING IN

THE SECRET LAKE

CHOSE 3 OF THE 4 QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

IN ANOTHER TIME OR PLACE, HOW WOULD THE STORY CHANGE? WHERE ELSE COULD THE STORY TAKE PLACE?

IS THE PLACE IMPORTANT TO THE NOVEL, THE SECRET LAKE? HOW?

WHAT WORDS DID THE AUTHOR USE TO DESCRIBE THE PLACE? WHAT CAN YOU HEAR, SEE, FEEL OR SMELL AS YOU READ?

HOW IS THE SETTING IN THE SECRET LAKE LIKE ANOTHER PLACE YOU KNOW?