

August 2009

The first day of 4th grade is just around the corner. I hope you've enjoyed your hot summer as much as I have and were able to relax and spend time with the people you love. School starts September 8, 2009 and I'm rested and ready! I read several new books on Lewis & Clark's expedition because my wife Sarah and I got to spend a week in Astoria, OR studying about Fort Clatsop! Of course a few car & sports magazines along with books on leadership slipped in there too! ☺

My summer didn't feel like summer because I don't believe Sarah and I sat down until mid August—and that's because we were back in our rooms getting ready for your shining faces! After school got out, Sarah and I finished playing on our church softball team, spent a weekend at her family's Centennial Farm Celebration down in Cottonwood, ID and then it was off to summer class. We spent a week in Astoria studying westward expansion of the U.S. in the early 1800's. Much of our trip was devoted to Lewis and Clark at Fort Clatsop which was so cool and rest assured I have tons of pictures. To finish off June, Sarah and I once again volunteered to court monitor at the 20th annual Hoopfest—what an outstanding community event! It gets even better, at the beginning of July Sarah and I moved into our first home!!! ☺ We're so excited to be home owners and feel absolutely blessed! We spent the middle of July getting settled and then headed off to Maui, HI to meet some best friends for a week in the sun. Two days after we got back, we celebrated our 2nd anniversary and four days later, Sarah and I were both in my brother's wedding out at the lake! The last few weeks were spent with great friends and good food either at the lake or in a tent camping!

Be looking for the supply list as it will help you begin shopping for school supplies. Plenty of sleep and eating a healthy breakfast are *not* on there, but make sure you begin to get back into a good school routine. I can't wait to meet you and spend your 4th grade year here at Liberty Lake together. I absolutely love what I do and I'm excited to help make your 4th grade year a success while preparing you for next year!

See you soon,

Mr. Olson