

Meet the 4th Grade Teachers



Mrs. Ruffing
ELA

I'm so excited to be your ELA teacher this year! Fourth grade is one of my favorite grades, and this will be my twelfth year teaching fourth grade at Bay Vista.

I began my teaching career at North Ward Elementary in Clearwater in 1998, teaching 3rd and 4th grade there for seven and a half years. I then spent the next ten years as a stay-at-home mom, a teacher at my daughter's preschool and a substitute teacher at Bay Vista.

Growing up in Clearwater and attending school in Pinellas from kindergarten through twelfth grade, I am very familiar with education in this county. I received a degree in Elementary Education from Stetson University (with a minor in theater) and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from The University of South Florida. I am also reading endorsed and gifted endorsed. Married twenty-four years, my husband and I have two children who are also graduates of Bay Vista. This fall, my son will be a Junior at The University of Florida, and my daughter will be a Freshman at Savannah College of Art and Design. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

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Mrs. Kaddis
MATH/SCIENCE

I am very excited to start our new school year as your math and science teacher. I have been a parent at Bay Vista, a substitute, and am in my eighth year of teaching here. I love teaching 4th grade! I was born in Indiana, but moved to Florida when I was young so I am almost a native Floridian. I graduated from Wake Forest University.

I have two children – Christian and Samantha. Samantha graduated from FSU and lives in Tampa, while Christian attends USF in Tampa. I am very lucky to have them both close by. I love to spend time with my family, garden, exercise and read. I am a huge Harry Potter fan and I've read the books at least 15 times!

I am so looking forward to meeting you and getting to know my students and families. I know we're going to have an awesome 4th grade year together!

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Welcome to 4th Grade

Dear Families,

Welcome to 4th grade! We're looking forward to a terrific school year. As we end the summer, we're preparing our classrooms for you. To prepare yourselves, we suggest you keep reading at home. In addition, in math, we'll be learning multi-digit multiplication and division this year. Knowing your multiplication facts by heart will really help you this year in math. You can use flash cards or there are tons of apps to help you practice.

- We look forward to seeing you at Meet the Teacher-Friday, August 7th (11:00-11:30 am)
- The first day of school is Tuesday, August 11th. Students are allowed on campus as early as 7:45 am.
- Fundamental Parent Meeting-Thursday, August 13th (6:00 pm)
- Open House-Thursday, September 10th (6:45-7:45 pm)
- We are so looking forward to seeing you! Mrs. Ruffing & Mrs. Kaddis

Learning Supplies for Mrs. Ruffing and Mrs. Kaddis

Supply List:

- (1) set of ear buds or headphones in a Ziploc bag with your child's name. (Required to keep at school for the year.)
- (1) 1-inch binder for agenda
- (1) 5-Subject Notebook with pockets
- (6) folders with prongs and pockets-1 red folder, 1 green folder, 1 blue folder, 1 orange folder, 1 purple folder and 1 yellow folder
- (2) Composition books (wide ruled)
- (4-8) expo markers
- (2) packs of white copy paper
- (3) packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- (2) boxes of Kleenex
- (1) sturdy backpack (no wheels)
- (1) Pencil Pouch (No pencil boxes, please.)
- (3) packs of pencils (sharpened)
- (6) Glue sticks
- Colored pencils (no more than 12) (Twistable is the best kind.)

Additional Items:

- We suggest that all students bring a water bottle to school each day.
- Pencil pouches will stay at school.
- Ear buds and headphones tend to break during the school year. You may want to purchase back up pairs while they are on sale.

Wish List Items:

- Colored Copy Paper
- Ziploc Bags
- Ink Joy Pens
- Mr. Sketch Smelly Markers
- Post it Notes
- Lysol Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Colored Pencils for the classroom
- Extra glue sticks
- Treasure Box items (puzzle erasers, mochis, gel pens, special pencils)