

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 tenth-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, before spending the next ten years as a stay-at-home mom, and then a teacher at my daughter's preschool and a substitute teacher at Bay Vista.

Growing up in Clearwater and after attending Pinellas County Schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade, I received a degree in elementary education from Stetson University (with a minor in theater) and a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from The University of South Florida and have recently become reading endorsed and gifted endorsed. Married for twenty-two years, my husband and I have two children who are also graduates of Bay Vista and now attend The University of Florida (Go Gators!) and Gibbs High School. Looking forward to a great 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 sixth year of teaching here. I love 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. One is in Tallahassee and one is a sophomore at Florida Atlantic University. 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-August 9th.
- The first day of school is August 12th. Students are allowed on campus as early as 7:45 am.
- Open House-August 15th.

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
- (5) folders with prongs and pockets-1 green folder, 1 blue folder, 1 orange folder, 1 red folder and 1 yellow folder
- (10-12) 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.)
- (1) pair of scissors

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 backup pairs while they are on sale.

Wish List Items:

- Colored Copy Paper
- Ziploc Bags (All Sizes, but we really need the Gallon size.)
- 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)