

# Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 eleventh-year teaching fourth grade at Bay Vista.

I began my teaching career at North Ward Elementary in Clearwater in 1998, teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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-three years, my husband and I have two children who are also graduates of Bay Vista. My son will be a Sophomore this year at The University of Florida and my daughter will be a Senior at 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 seventh year of teaching here. I love teaching 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade year together!

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## Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Families,

Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> (11:00-11:30 am)
- The first day of school is August 11<sup>th</sup>. Students are allowed on campus as early as 7:45 am.
- Open House-Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (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
- (4) folders with prongs and pockets-1 green folder, 1 blue folder, 1 orange folder and 1 yellow folder
- (1) Composition book (wide ruled)
- (4-8) expo markers
- (2) packs of white copy paper
- (2) 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 back up 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)