

Welcome to Mrs. Faga's Pre-K Classroom

I am very excited that you will be in my classroom this Fall. We are going to be having so much fun learning new things and making new friends. Before that however, I hope that you enjoy your warm Summer days! Will you go to the beach? Eat ice cream? Make s'mores? Have a picnic? I can't wait to hear about all of your adventures!

Upcoming important dates:

Wednesday, August 6, from 9:00am -2:00pm for
Kinder Screening

Wednesday, August 13, from 9:00-10:00am for Pre-K
Fun Day.

Tuesday, August 19, for Vanderbilt Open House
(more details to come)

Supplies Needed:

To be ready for the first day of school, you will need the following supplies:

***a standard-size backpack**

***a box of tissues**

***a tub of Clorox Wipes**

I will place the tissues and Clorox Wipes in a storage bin, to be used as needed. :)

I can't wait to see all of you in August!
Mrs. Faga











Welcome to Kindergarten!!

Hello Kindergarten Families,
My name is Mrs. Kikstra, and I am excited to be your teacher this coming year. I have been at Vanderbilt for 18 years and I love teaching Kindergarten. I love teaching and building relationships with all my “kinders”. We will do some really fun stuff this year, we will read so many cool stories together, learn to write, and master those letter sounds, so we can become readers and writers. I love to have fun and laugh, so I know we will have a blast in Room 114.

Supplies that you will need this year:

-  Crayons (24 pack works the best)
-  Pack of Pencils (Ticonderoga are the best)
-  EXPO markers and eraser
-  Headphones(very important)
-  Water Bottle
-  Backpack to hold it all.

Our Pencils and markers will be communal, so please do not write your child's name on them. Please label the rest of your child's things.

I can't wait to see you on Aug. 19th for our Open House!! Have a great rest of your summer!

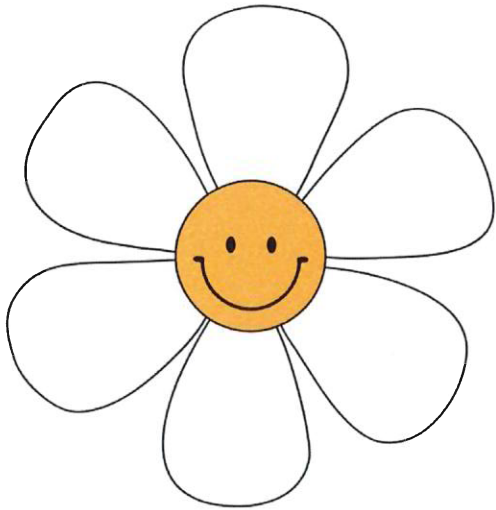


Mrs. Kikstra

meet the TEACHER

About Me

Hello! My name is Mrs. Spooner and I am overjoyed to be entering another year of teaching at Vanderbilt. This will be my third year teaching Kindergarten and I am looking forward to everything your child and I will learn together!



Favorite Things

- All forms of caffeine
- (to keep up with 5 year olds!)
- Spending time in the sunshine!
- Traveling anywhere and everywhere!
- Reading a good book on a rainy day!

Contact Info



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Kindergarten Supply List

PLEASE ADHERE AS CLOSELY TO THIS LIST AS POSSIBLE WHEN GATHERING SUPPLIES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, CONSIDER LEAVING THINGS THAT MAY SERVE AS MORE OF A DISTRACTION FOR YOUR CHILD AT HOME. ☺

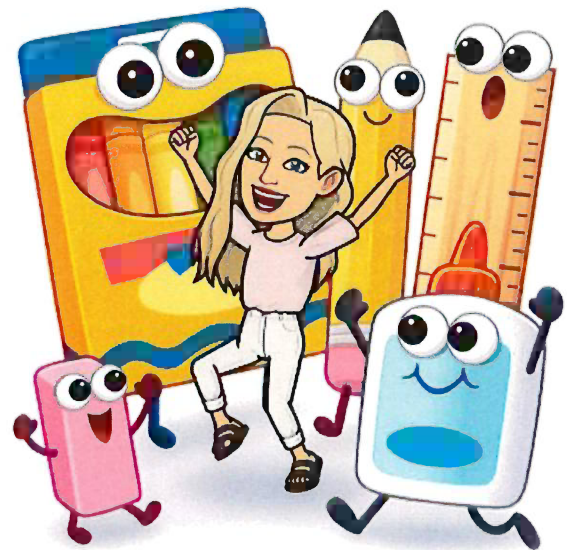
☆ Your child will need the following materials for a successful school year:

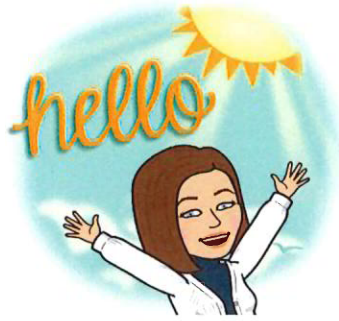
- Backpack (large enough to hold folders and bring homework)
- Folder for take-home papers
- Wired Headphones (make sure that they can plug in, please!)
- 4 boxes of 24-count crayons
- 1 pack of markers
- 8 large glue sticks (bigger ones last longer)
- 1 pair of kid scissors

☆ Please consider donating one or more of the following to keep germs at a minimum in our classroom and to help us stay organized:

- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)

☆☆☆ THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE USED IN A COMMUNITY STYLE, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT SPENDING TIME LABELING THEM.





Welcome to First Grade!

July 2025

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. The first day of school is quickly approaching and I am getting excited. We will have fun learning to read fluently so we can read to learn in future grades! We will also become problem solvers and strengthen our math skills in first grade.

We request the following items for the start of school this year:

- 1 durable **2-pocket folder** for a “HOME Folder” (this goes home each weekend)
- 1 **backpack** with name written on
- 1 pair of plug-in **headphones** that can be kept at school
- 1 **pencil box** or pouch with the following items inside:
 - 1 package of **pencils** (Ticonderoga is great!)
 - 1 package **crayons**
 - 1 **glue** stick
 - 1 **highlighter**
 - 1 **scissors**
 - 1 package **white board markers** (we will supply the white board)

If you are interested in helping the class as a whole, please drop off:

- Clorox wipes (for classroom clean-up)
- Boxed cereal (for snacks as needed)
- Band-aids
- Tissues

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See you soon,
Ms. Heidi Hulst

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We request the following items for the start of school this year:

- 1 **plastic 2-pocket folder with brads** for a “HOME Folder” (this goes home each weekend)
- 1 **backpack** with name written on
- 1 pair of **plug-in headphones** that can be kept at school
- 1 **pencil box** with the following items inside:
 - 1 package of **pencils** (Ticonderoga is great!)
 - 1 package of **24 Crayola crayons**
 - 2 Elmer’s **glue sticks**
 - 1 **scissors**
 - 1 package **white board markers** (we will supply the white board and eraser)
 - 2 boxes of **tissues**
 - 2 **highlighters**

If you are interested in helping the class as a whole, please drop off:

- Clorox wipes (for classroom clean-up)
- Small & Large Ziploc bags (for classroom use)
- Boxed cereal (for snacks as needed)
- Band-aids

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See you soon,
Mrs. Katie Willie



Dear Second Grade Families,

Welcome to 2nd grade! I am so excited to spend the year with some familiar faces and some new ones. Get ready for a great year of learning, friendships, hard work, and lots of fun. Save the date, August 19, for a back to school open house to kick off this great year!

Parents, I want to welcome you as an integral part of your child's second grade year. I am excited about the possibilities this year holds. In order to encourage continual communication between home and school, your child will bring home a folder each day. I will also send out weekly updates on SchoolConnect to keep you up to date. If you do not yet have the SchoolConnect app, please download this as most school communication goes through the app.

**Your child will need the following materials
for a successful school year:**

- Pencil box or pencil bag
- Crayons (Crayola- box of 24)
- 1 lined notebook
- 2 dozen #2 Ticonderoga Pencils (Pre-sharpened is appreciated. Please, DO NOT purchase decorated or plastic coated pencils. These pencils are hard to sharpen and break our pencil sharpeners.)
- 4 Glue sticks
- Scissors
- 2 Folders
- Four EXPO dry erase markers for our personal white boards
- Headphones (Please do not buy ear buds as they do not last.)
- Backpack
- Please consider donating one or more of the following to keep germs at a minimum in our classroom and to help us stay organized.
 - Kleenex
 - Clorox or Lysol wipes
 - Band-Aids
 - Paper towel

I will be excitedly preparing for the upcoming year, so please feel free to reach out via email with any questions. I know that if we work as a team, we will provide a supportive and challenging environment for your child. Have a wonderful rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Miss Heneveld

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- 4 Glue sticks
- 1 lined notebook
- Scissors (Kids)
- 2 Folders
- Four EXPO dry erase markers for our personal white boards
- Headphones (Please do not buy ear buds as they do not last.)
- Backpack
- Washable Markers *OPTIONAL* (box of 10-12)
- If you're interested in donating supplies to the classroom, please consider something from the list below. They will help keep germs at a minimum in our classroom and contribute to the shared supplies we'll use throughout the year.
 - Kleenex
 - Clorox or Lysol wipes
 - Band-Aids
 - Washable Markers
 - #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
 - Crayons

I will be excitedly preparing for the upcoming year, so please feel free to reach out via email with any questions. I know that if we work as a team, we will provide a supportive and challenging environment for your child. Have a wonderful rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Schout

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Hello Third Graders,



I hope you are having a great summer! I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. I am having a great summer! I have been golfing, going to auctions, working in my garden, and doing projects in my barn. I enjoy tractors, White Caps baseball, and Star Wars!

I am looking forward to being your third-grade teacher next school year. Mrs. Kaylor and I are working on some fun learning activities for you and your classmates. I hope you will come ready to learn!

If you are wondering about classroom supplies, check out our 3rd grade supply list below:

- Headphones or earbuds
- A dozen #2 pencils (Ticonderoga is the best brand!)
- 4 pack of dry erase markers and an eraser (you can use a rag or sock)
- A pack of crayons or colored pencils
- A small pencil case/pouch
- A spiral notebook (Please no 3 ring binders)
- Water bottle
- 4 solid color pocket folders (different colors)

Keep having a great summer and I will see you soon!

Your Third Grade Teacher,

Mr. Klaver





Hello Future Third Graders,

I hope you are having a great summer! I hope you are doing fun things this summer like riding your bike, reading a book, playing games, and playing with friends. I am enjoying my summer vacation. I have been horseback riding, going to garage sales, and out to Sandy Pines Campground a lot. My favorite part was getting to go to the Harry Potter store in Chicago!

I am looking forward to being your third-grade teacher next school year. Mr. Klaver and I are working on some fun learning activities for you and your classmates. I hope you will come ready to learn.

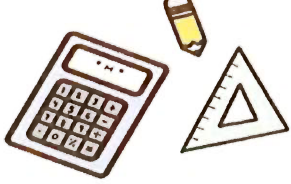
If you are wondering about classroom supplies, check out our 3rd-grade supply list below:

- Headphones or earbuds
- A dozen #2 pencils (Ticonderoga is the best brand!)
- A highlighter
- 4 pack of dry erase markers
- An eraser (you can use a rag or sock)
- A pack of crayons or colored pencils
- A small pencil case/pouch
- A notebook
- Water bottle
- 4 Solid colored folders (1 Green, 1 Yellow, 1 Red, and 1 Black)

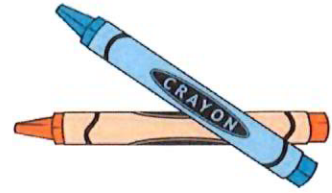
Your Third Grade Teacher,

Mrs.Kaylor





Welcome to 4TH GRADE!



Hi 4th graders and families! I'm Mrs. Tegtmeier, and I am so excited to be your teacher this year! This will be my second year teaching 4th grade at Vanderbilt—and I have to say, it's my favorite grade to teach! Before this, I taught 1st grade in Wisconsin, but I've truly found my happy place with 4th graders. We're going to have an amazing year together—full of new friendships, big learning adventures, and lots of fun along the way. I hope you're enjoying a fantastic summer and getting excited to kick off an awesome school year!

For me, this summer has been a whirlwind of excitement! I got married, soaked up the sun at the lake, read a stack of great books, went on plenty of bike rides, and spent lots of quality time with my new husband, family, and friends. However, I can't wait to start the school year!

To our amazing families:

I can't wait to partner with you to help your child grow and succeed in 4th grade. We'll be working as a great team! I'll be sharing weekly newsletters to keep you in the loop about what we're learning and what's coming up in class. You'll be receiving more information soon as we get closer to the first day!

Our classroom is going to be a place where curiosity, kindness, and creativity thrive—and I'm so glad your child will be a part of it. I can't wait to meet you in person at our Open House on **Tuesday, August 19th!**

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

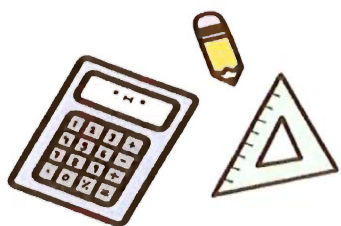
Mrs. Tegtmeier

4th Grade Supply List:

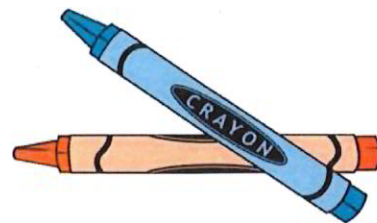
- ☐ 24+ PENCILS (Ticonderoga last the longest)
 - ☐ 2-4 PACK OF BLOCK ERASERS
 - ☐ 24-48 PACK OF CRAYONS
 - ☐ 2 GLUE STICKS
 - ☐ A pair of SCISSORS
- ☐ 24+ PACK OF COLORED PENCILS
- ☐ 4+ PACK OF DRY ERASE MARKERS AND ERASER
 - ☐ 1 PENCIL BOX OR BAG
 - ☐ 2 NOTEBOOKS (any kind/color)
 - ☐ 4 FOLDERS (any kind/color)
 - ☐ HEADPHONES (NO BLUETOOTH)
 - ☐ REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

Optional (but greatly appreciated) donations:

Tissues, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, extra snacks, headphones, Band-Aids, and Ziploc bags (all sizes)



Welcome to 4TH GRADE!



Dear 4th Graders and Families,

Welcome to 4th Grade! My name is Mrs. Alber and I am so excited to spend the year with you! This will be my third year teaching 4th grade at Vanderbilt. I previously taught 5th and 2nd grade but 4th grade is my favorite! We are going to make new friendships, learn a lot, and have a blast. I hope you are having a fun summer and are excited to start 4th grade. Our class is going to be awesome this year! I can't wait to see you for open house night!

Families, I am looking forward to helping you and your child meet their 4th grade goals. I am so excited to get to know you and your student. We will make a great team. Throughout the year, I will send weekly newsletters to keep you updated on our learning goals. I will send you more information as the school year begins. I can't wait to meet you in person at our open house on Tuesday, August 20th!

4th Grade Supply List:

- ☐ 24+ PENCILS (Ticonderoga last the longest)
 - ☐ 2-4 PACK OF BLOCK ERASERS
 - ☐ 24-48 PACK OF CRAYONS
- ☐ 4 GLUE STICKS (for community supplies)
 - ☐ SCISSORS (for community supplies)
 - ☐ 24+ PACK OF COLORED PENCILS
- ☐ 4+ PACK OF DRY ERASE MARKERS AND ERASER
 - ☐ 1 PENCIL BOX OR BAG
 - ☐ 2 NOTEBOOKS (any kind/color)
 - ☐ 4 FOLDERS (any kind/color)
 - ☐ HEADPHONES (NO BLUETOOTH)
 - ☐ REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

OPTIONAL DONATIONS:

TISSUES, HAND SANITIZER, SANITIZING WIPES, EXTRA SNACKS, HEADPHONES, BAND-AIDS, AND ZIPLOC BAGS (ALL SIZES)

Best,

Mrs. Alber

WELCOME TO 5th GRADE!

2025-26 School Year

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Lindsay Knappe and I am so excited to have the privilege of being your teacher this year! I started working with 3rd graders as a paraprofessional for the first 9 years here at Vanderbilt and the '25-'26 school year will be my seventh year teaching fifth graders. I have been in the education field since 2003 and have a love for learning and teaching! I live on the northside of Holland with my husband and teenage son. Some things that I like to do are working in the yard, going out in my kayak and playing with my dog.

This year you will be in my homeroom to start your day. You will have reading/language arts and science with me, but math and social studies will be across the hall with Ms. Husbands. Changing rooms is something new for you this year and will help get you ready for all your transitions when you become a middle schooler.

In order for you to feel more prepared for the start of 5th grade, I have provided a supply list below. Hopefully, this will help you feel ready to start on the first day of school!

- ✓ Ticonderoga brand pencils (they sharpen the best and are worth the extra cost)
- ✓ Dry-erase white board markers, any color, low odor and something to erase with (a sock or washcloth work great)
- ✓ Personal pencil sharpener
- ✓ 8 or 12 count colored pencils
- ✓ 4 pocket folders, different colors(one for each main subject)
- ✓ Glue sticks, scissors, highlighter
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues for the class to use
- ✓ 2 Composition Notebooks or Spiral Notebooks for science
- ✓ 1 container of Lysol or Clorox brand wipes
- A pencil box or zippered bag is very important to keep track of your belongings!

Other items such as crayons, markers, and pens are all optional, but not necessary.

Fifth grade is such an exciting and important year! Not only will we be learning new and inspiring things together; we will also be working towards becoming more responsible, independent thinkers.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at 5.lknappe@nhaschools.com. Have a great rest of your summer!

Working together,
Mrs. Lindsay Knappe

Dear 5th Grade Vanderbilt Family,

I am so excited for this school year to start! We have such great musical talent in our 5th grade class. I am hopeful and looking forward to their many great accomplishments as they potentially start their journey in learning a band instrument.

Save the Date- **Wednesday, August 27 at 3:45 PM in the Music Room.** This is a 5th Grade Band Information Meeting. It will be a short meeting for an Overview of 5th Grade Band and the Band Program. You will also receive information about getting an instrument if your child is interested.

This year, your child will be able to choose if they would like to learn a band instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, or percussion). **They do not have to be in band, it is a choice.** There is **no expectation that your child already knows** how to play an instrument.

They will receive all the beginning instruction during the school day next year. Many students are excited for this opportunity and several have signed up. If your child did not sign up but would like to, they will just need to let Mr. Hyvarinen know and you can also tell your classroom teacher, Mrs. Knape or Mrs. Husbands and they will sign you up. Students will be able to try out instruments to find the best fit on Monday, August 25 during the school day.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Musically yours,

Don Hyvarinen

Vanderbilt Music Teacher

Welcome to Vanderbilt 6th Grade

We are excited to meet you.

Some things to know....

Mr. Anderson ELA/Science

- 7th year in education, all teaching ELA
- 2nd year at Vanderbilt
- Born and raised near Minneapolis, MN.
- Some of my favorite hobbies include reading anything from classics to comics, cooking with my wife, watching basketball, and walking my dog Sadie!
- Favorite Vacation: I have a weakness for Disney World.
- Favorite Food: Steak and Cheese Quesadilla with Salsa and Chips.
- Fun Fact about Me: I can read a little bit of Hebrew, Anglo Saxon, and Greek.

Can't wait for summer to be over! Let's dive back into school!

Mr. Mack Math/Social Studies

- 3rd year teaching math, 2nd year teaching Social Studies
- 4th year in education
- I love to hike, play softball, play disc golf, anything sports related!
- Favorite Vacation: Anywhere pretty to hike
- Favorite Food: Tacos and Spaghetti
- My wife and I have a baby girl who is just under a year old. She's one of our favorite people!



I love teaching, math, and I can't wait to get to know you!

Fun Facts About 6th Grade

1. Every Wednesday-Friday you get 2 specials instead of 1
2. Band students have 2 concerts
3. You get to march in the tulip time parade
4. AND SO MUCH MORE

Important Dates to remember:

August 19 - Open House : more information to come



School Supplies needed:

- An accordion file folder
- Colored pencils
- 4 packs of regular pencils (not all at once - save some for later in the year)
- Hand held pencil sharpener
- Pencil box
- Blue or Red Pen
- Water bottle with name on it
- 2 Spiral Notebooks



Note: **PLEASE** no Sharpie/permanent markers

Donations welcome!

Boxes of Kleenex
Clorox Wipes
Band-Aids



Dear Students,

We are so looking forward to seeing you back at school August 21! The supply list below should be used as you prepare to come back to school. The supply list covers all that you need for your four core subjects.

Supply List
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1 Accordion folder to use for all four subjects● 1 composition notebook for ELA● Pre-sharpened pencils!!!● 1 package of 12 colored pencils● 1 package of dry erase whiteboard markers● Suggested: pencil case● More pencils to use throughout the WHOLE year

Donations for Classroom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kleenex● Hand sanitizer● Clorox wipes● More pencils

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kapenga, Mr. Vanden Akker, Mrs. Pifer, and Ms. Rush