



Hello, Vanderbilt Third Grader and Family,

How is your summer going? Have you gone anywhere exciting or done anything exciting? My family is keeping busy with lots of different things happening this summer. We are hoping to fit in a Detroit Tigers game and then visiting some amusement parks. I have also been going to Whitecaps' games and playing some golf. I look forward to sharing about some of the fun things I have been doing this summer. I hope you are having some fun too!

I have two important dates for you to remember. The first is our **Open House on Monday, August 19**. The other is the **First Day of School on Wednesday, August 21**. I am looking forward to seeing and meeting you at the

Open House.

The new school year will be here soon! I hope you have been doing some reading and practicing your math facts. We will be doing a lot of multiplication to start the year. If you have time, check out the website xtramath.org to practice your math facts, or you could use a set of flash cards. This would be a great opportunity to get some practice before school starts. I am excited to be starting a new year with you.

If you haven't gotten any school supplies yet, please do your best to have these items before school starts.

- A backpack
- A 2-pocket folder for taking papers home
- A spiral notebook (at least 70 pages)
- Two dozen pencils (preferably yellow no. 2 pencils)
- 24 pencil tip erasers
- Dry erase markers (a pack of 4 or 8)
- An eraser for the dry erase markers (an old sock or rag will work)
- Colored pencils (12 or 16 count)
- 3 glue sticks
- A scissors.
- A pencil bag or pouch
- A set of headphones

I look forward to hearing about your summer vacation and getting to know you throughout the school year. Remember the first day of school is Wednesday, August 21. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Working Together,

Mr. James Klaver
Third Grade Teacher
Vanderbilt Charter Academy



Dear Third Grade Student and Family,

I hope you have been enjoying your summer break so far. I can't wait to hear what you did! I have had a great time vacationing, enjoying the sunny weather, reading, and spending time with my family.

Make sure you also rest up so that you are ready to swing into third grade with me! Come visit our classroom during the Open House on August 19 from 5:30 to 7:00.

School starts on Wednesday, August 21. Students will need to bring along the following items on the first day of school.

- A Backpack
- A 2-Pocket folder to use as a homework folder
- 24 #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga work the best in the sharpener)
- 24 Pencil Tip erasers
- A Pencil Box
- 4 Expo Markers (preferably fine point)
- Eraser for a white board or a sock to be used as an eraser
- Colored Pencils (12 pack) or a small pack of Crayons
- Scissors
- 3 Glue Sticks
- Headphone or Ear buds for use with Chromebooks

Also, if you are willing to supply the classroom with some boxes of Kleenex or Hand Sanitizer that would be great.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon! Keep on reading over the summer. Also, make sure to check out Herrick District Library for some great summer reading material. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mrs. Neher



July 2019

Dear 4th grade student,

Hi!! I hope your summer has been going well. I can't wait to hear about all the fun and exciting things you are doing! I have been busy taking care of my three daughters by taking them to the beach and some summer camps.

I have your desk and cubby all set up and full of fun things you will need for a successful school year. You will begin the year with: two pencils, several erasers, a highlighter, a correcting pen (to be used for editing), and a whiteboard marker for when we use whiteboards. You will also receive a Vanderbilt agenda so you can write down homework assignments.

This year is going to be really busy and we have a lot to learn. I am so excited because in social studies we get to learn all about Michigan's History and even take a trip to Lansing! We will also read many great books, and will write MANY fun pieces. We will also have **four orange card parties to look forward to—if you earn them along with filling pom pom TEAM jars!**

***Mark your calendars for August 19th, Back to School Night!!!**

Our classroom is upstairs, room 211. It will be your first year upstairs! Get plenty of rest and be ready to work hard!!! We are going to become some awesome readers so get ready and tell me all about the books you have read! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

See you soon!

Mrs. Creevy :)

Here are some items I will need you bring in the first day of school:

-1 red folder, 1 green folder, 1 yellow folder, 1 blue folder OR, I prefer an accordion style file organizer with tabs versus a binder or multiple folders! This really helps all students stay organized! There are some cheaper ones at Staples. The students can label their subjects inside of it:: ELA, MATH, Science, History, Homework, and Mail

-2 spiral paper notebooks, 1 green and 1 blue

-Plenty of pencils, hand-held sharpener, an eraser (or old sock) for whiteboard cleaner, crayons/colored pencils/crayons, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, and/or Sanitizer to donate, pencil box, 3 dry-erase markers, 3 glue sticks, and scissors.

-A nice pair of headphones or earbuds for computer usage throughout the year. Five Below has them for 5\$



Welcome to 4th Grade

Dear 4th grade student:

Hello! I hope you are having a great summer. I can't wait to hear all about the fun things you are doing! I have been busy preparing our classroom for a fun and exciting year full of learning!

I have your desk and cubby all set up and full of fun things you will for a successful school year. You will begin the year with two pencils, a highlighter, a correcting pen and a whiteboard marker for when we use our whiteboards. You will also receive a Vanderbilt agenda so you can keep your assignments organized.

This year is going to be very busy as we have lots to learn. We also have many fun things planned as well! In the spring, we will take a trip to Lansing and learn about Michigan's History. We will also have **four orange card parties to look forward to — if you earn them along with filling pom pom team jars!**

Our classroom is upstairs, room **209**. It will be your first year upstairs! Make sure you get plenty of rest and be ready to work hard! We are going to become awesome readers and writers so be ready to tell me all about the cool books you read this summer! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

See you soon!

Mrs. Decker :)

ABOUT ME

I grew up in Holland where I enjoy going to the beach and relaxing with my husband and family. I graduated from GVSU in December and am so excited to teach 4th grade this year!

A FEW OF MY FAVORITES

Color: Pink and Blue

Food: Ice Cream and Pizza

Hobby: Traveling and Shopping

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ON AUGUST 19TH!

I can't wait to meet you!!!

HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS YOU WILL NEED FOR THE FIRST DAY:

- An accordion style file organizer with tabs. *This really helps all students stay organized versus folders or binders. You can find inexpensive ones at Staples.* The students can label their subjects inside of it: ELA, MATH, Science, History, Homework and Mail.
- 2 Spiral Paper Notebooks— 1 blue and 1 green
- Plenty of Pencils/ Erasers
- Pencil Box
- Scissors
- 3 Glue Sticks
- Hand Held Sharpener
- Crayons/Colored Pencils
- 3 Dry-Erase Markers
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Kleenex/Clorox Wipes/ Sanitizer to donate

WELCOME TO 5th GRADE!

Dear Parents and Students,

July 2019

My name is Jenna Serstad and I will be your child's 5th grade teacher next year! I am very excited for this upcoming year! First, a little about myself, I just moved from Grand Rapids to Holland and this will be my first year teaching here at Vanderbilt. I am originally from Indiana; however, I spent my entire childhood in China and moved to Michigan to attend Calvin College where I studied Elementary Education, English as a Second Language, and Chinese. I love anything that includes being active and outside! Hiking, playing basketball, and biking are some of my favorites.

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 marker, any color, low odor
- ✓ Personal pencil sharpener
- ✓ Post it notes 3 x 3 size
- ✓ 8 or 12 count colored pencils
- ✓ 3-2 pocket folders, different colors
- ✓ Glue sticks, scissors, highlighter
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues for the class to use
- ✓ 3 Composition Notebooks (without spirals)
- ✓ 1 container of Lysol or Clorox brand wipes

Other items that you may need (crayons, erasers, notebooks, etc.) will be supplied by me. If you would like to still bring your own, you are more than welcome to; however, please do not feel obligated to do so!

Fifth grade is such an exciting and important year! Not only will we be learning new and exciting things together; we will also be working towards becoming more responsible, independent thinkers. Your time in 5th grade will prepare you for your years in middle school.

I look forward to meeting each of you, during our Back to School Night on August 19th at 6:00-7:30pm. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 5.jserstad@nhaschools.com. Have a great rest of your summer!

Respectfully,
Ms. Jenna Serstad

5th grade supply list

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- ✓ Dry-erase white board marker, any color, low odor
- ✓ Personal pencil sharpener
- ✓ Post it notes 3 x 3 size
- ✓ 8 or 12 count colored pencils
- ✓ 3-2 pocket folders, different colors
- ✓ Glue sticks, scissors, highlighter
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues for the class to use
- ✓ 3 Composition Notebooks (without spirals)
- ✓ 1 container of Lysol or Clorox brand wipes