



# Welcome to 3rd Grade!

## Meet your teacher:

### Mrs. Leonard

Hello! My name is Breanne Leonard and I cannot wait to be your third grade teacher! I have lived in and around the Grand Rapids area my entire life. I earned my teaching degree with a major in English from Grand Valley State University. This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Vista Charter Academy!

I have been married to my husband, Ryan, for 3 years. We have one son named Graham! I have a mom, dad, sister, and brother. I also have 3 nieces and 2 nephews! In my free time I enjoy reading, kayaking, camping, and going on runs with my dogs, Dakoda and Kya.

My favorite thing about teaching is watching students as they understand concepts for the first time after hard work and persistence. I can't wait to discover new math ideas, learn about exciting social studies and science concepts and explore reading strategies together. Remember to read your books from our summer reading program. I look forward to hearing about the books that you read! I look forward to meeting you on the first day of school. We are going to have a great school year!

## Supply list:

**Please do not label any classroom materials. All supplies will be collected on the first day of school to be used by all students in the classroom.**

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| 1 package of pencil top erasers                             | gym shoes (labeled with name) |
| ONE EACH: 2-pocket folders: red, green, yellow, blue        | art shirt (labeled with name) |
| ONE EACH: spiral notebook: red, green, yellow, blue, purple | backpack (labeled with name)  |
| 1 pack dry erase markers                                    | 2 boxes of Kleenex            |
| 2 packages of #2 pencils                                    | 1 roll of paper towel         |
| 2 ELMER'S glue sticks                                       | 1 bottle of hand sanitizer    |
| 12 Crayola colored pencils for art                          |                               |
| 1 pair of kid-sized scissors                                | 1 container of Clorox wipes   |
| 1 pair of headphones or earbuds                             |                               |

## 3rd Grade “Highlights”

Third grade is a great year for learning! In math, we discover concepts like multiplication and division, as well as fractions! Get ready for our year-long multiplication challenge as you work toward mastering your facts. In science, we get to learn about forces and motion, rocks, and animals! Social studies in third grade is all about our state of Michigan – I can't wait to explore it with you and make it come alive when we visit Lansing in the spring. In reading, we will spend some time reading great fiction and non-fiction stories. I have many fun activities planned for us as we travel through third grade together.

## Exciting Opportunities

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## A Standard of Excellence

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## Welcome to Third Grade!

### Meet your teacher:

### Mrs. Radlinski

Hello, my name is Mrs. Radlinski and I will be your Third grade teacher! This will be my fifth year at Vista, but my first year teaching Third grade! I have previously taught first grade here at Vista, in Chicago, and taught English to third and fourth graders in France.

I am so excited to be making the switch to third grade this year! I look forward to building on the knowledge that your child already has and helping them improve their skills in all areas. I am most importantly looking forward to helping them dive deeper into the texts we read and instilling a true love of reading! I spend a lot of my free time reading, and I hope I can pass along this passion to your child. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, friends and husband. I have four younger siblings and three nieces. I absolutely love being an Aunt! I also enjoy being active, traveling and just having fun in life.

My favorite thing about teaching is watching my students soak up all the new knowledge they will be gaining the entire school year. It is truly a joy to watch my students work hard and see how much they grow academically through the year. I look forward to meeting your child soon. We are going to have a great year together!

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| ONE EACH: spiral notebook: red, green, yellow, blue, purple  | 1 backpack (labeled)          |
| 1 pack of #2 pencils   | 1 roll of paper towel         |
| 2 boxes of colored pencils (1 labeled Art)                   | 1 box of Kleenex              |
| 1 pack black dry erase markers                               | 3 containers of Lysol Wipes   |
| 1 bottle of Elmer's Glue                                     | 1 bottle of hand sanitizer    |
| 1 pair of headphones or earbuds                              |                               |
| 1 Art shirt (labeled with name)                              |                               |

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# Welcome to 3rd Grade!

## Meet your teacher:

### Mrs. Visockis

Hello! My name is Anna Visockis. I am so excited to be your third grade teacher. This year will be my 2nd year teaching at Vista Charter Academy! I am a graduate of Ferris State University with minors in English Language Arts, Science and Child Development.

I got married last year to my husband, Jake! We have a dog named Maxx who is 7 years old and a dog named Granger who is 7 months old. I enjoy reading, camping, kayaking, running and spending time with family and friends.

My favorite thing about teaching is learning and growing along with students as they understand concepts for the first time after hard work and persistence. I can't wait to discover new math ideas, learn about exciting social studies and science concepts, and explore reading strategies together.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing about all the books you read over the summer!

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| ONE EACH: spiral notebook: red, green, yellow, blue, purple | backpack (labeled with name)  |
| 1 pack dry erase markers                                    | 2 boxes of Kleenex            |
| 2 packages of #2 pencils (no mechanical)                    | 1 roll of paper towel         |
| 2 ELMER'S glue sticks                                       | 1 bottle of hand sanitizer    |
| 12 Crayola colored pencils for art                          | 1 container of Clorox wipes   |
| 1 pair of kid-sized scissors                                |                               |
| 1 pair of headphones or earbuds                             |                               |

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# Welcome to 4th Grade!



## Meet your teacher:

## Mrs. Zawacki

Welcome to 4th grade! I am very excited to spend the next school year with you!

My husband and I live in Caledonia with our son Marcus. We both enjoy playing sports and we play on an adult volleyball league in the fall/winter. I also coach soccer and love the sport. We live an active lifestyle and are always on the go.

My favorite season is summer; I love the hot weather. I grew up on a lake and that is where we spend most of summer. I enjoy tubing, skiing, wakeboarding, and relaxing on the boat in the warm sunshine. Some of my other hobbies include running, coaching, spending time with family and friends, and crafting.

I graduated in 2011 from GVSU and started working for NHA. I started at Vanguard Charter in 2012. I have also worked at Walker Charter and Knapp Charter. I have worked with students in all grades K-8 but my focus and heart is in grades 3-5. This will be my fifth year teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Vista.

I am very excited about starting this upcoming school year. I have a passion for teaching and love to watch children grow.

## Supply list:

- backpack (big enough to hold folders, agenda, extra)
- gym shoes (labeled with name)
- art shirt (labeled with name)
- 50 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 package erasers
- 5 pocket folders
- 6 spiral notebooks
- 3 or more boxes of Kleenex
- 1 roll of paper towel
- 1 package of white board markers
- sock, old washcloth etc. for whiteboard eraser
- 1 box of crayons or box of colored pencils
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 bottom of hand sanitizer
- headphones (can be ear bud type)
- 2 or more containers of Lysol wipes
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue for Art

## 4th Grade “Highlights”

Fourth grade is another exciting year packed with learning! In the classroom, students look forward to a Michigan History project, Animal Adaptations projects, Novel studies and exploring fractions. These projects, along with several other learning experiences allow students to collaborate with their fourth grade peers. Our goal is to build a strong desire to learn in each student and to equip students with the academic tools needed to pursue that desire. Last year students were able to experience Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum for a hands on learning experience. We look forward to offering this experience to our fourth graders again for the 2017-2018 school year!

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# Welcome to 5th Grade!

## Meet your teacher:

### Mrs. Antles

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade! My name is Mrs. Antles. I have been a teacher for 12 years and have taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the last 6 of those years. I have a wonderful family. My husband, Scott, and I have been married for 26 years. We have four children –three daughters, Ashley, Aubrey, and Alexis; a son named Ryan and a son-in-law named Andrew. Ashley and Aubrey are 24. (they are twins) Ashley has been married to Andrew for 4 years. They have a son, my first grandson, named Samuel. He just turned 1 the end of July. Aubrey is studying graphic art and design at Grand Valley State University. She is currently working for a design company but hopes to work in advertising or for Disney someday. Alexis is studying to become a Veterinarian Technician. Ryan finished his first year of college at GRCC. He is planning on getting his Associates Degree and then transferring to Spring Arbor to study to become a Minister.

I am excited to be teaching at Vista Academy again this year. I can hardly wait to get started with the many things that we will be learning together. I am looking forward to our journey together and the wonderful year ahead!

## Supply list:

Backpack	6 spiral notebooks
12 glue sticks (2-3 for art)	4 packs of lined paper
36 pencils	4 erasers
1 box of markers (classic colors)	1 pencil box
4 dry erase (Expo) markers	4 packages of lined note cards
1 pair of scissors (Fiskars brand works well)	1 box of 24 count crayons
1 box of colored pencils	art shirt with name on it
5 2-pocket folders	gym shoes
2 pkgs. of colored 8 ½ x11 construction paper	headphones (can be ear buds)

**Donations appreciated:** tissue (Kleenex), paper towel, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes

## 5th Grade “Highlights”

In fifth grade, students get to compete in a school-wide spelling bee and take some exciting field trips! We learn about multiplication with large numbers, long division, geometry, measurement, decimals, and fractions in Math. Our Science topics include chemistry, forces, human body systems, heredity, space, and weather. In Social Studies, we learn about how the United States of America became a country. We will read great books and write in a variety of styles. Get ready for an awesome year!

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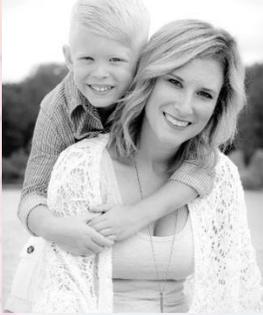
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# Welcome to 5th Grade!



## Meet your teacher:

## Ms. Gilhoran

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! I am excited to spend the year getting to know you all!. My name is Ms. Gilhoran and this is my fourth year teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Vista! Prior to teaching here, I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for three years in St. Johns, MI. I grew up in Grand Rapids and graduated from Forest Hills Northern. I went to college twice (yes...twice!) The first time I received my Associates of Arts in Music. I went back to school several years later and graduated from Grand Valley State University with a major in English Language Arts and a focus in Elementary Education. Besides my time in second and fifth grade classrooms, I have also spent time teaching in kindergarten and fourth grade too!

When I'm not teaching, I am spending time with my 9yr old son, Jackson. He is starting 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Collins Elementary School in August. We bought a house last year, so this summer we plan on spending time fixing it up to make it our home! We also try to spend as much time outside as possible. We love to go swimming, camping and playing at the park. The few moments I am not with him, you will find me outside with my nose in a book. I absolutely love to read. My favorite part about teaching is sharing amazing books with my students. I can't wait to meet all of you!!

## Supply list:

Backpack	8 spiral notebooks
12 glue sticks (2-3 for art)	4 packs of lined paper
40 pencils	4 erasers
1 box of markers (classic colors)	1 pencil box
8 dry erase (Expo) markers	1 hand held pencil sharpener
1 pair of scissors (Fiskars brand works well)	1 box of 24 count crayons
1 box of colored pencils	gym shoes
5 2-pocket folders	1 set of headphones (can be ear buds)
2 pkgs. of colored 8 ½ x11 construction paper	

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