

Summer 2021

Dear Soon-to-be Fourth Grade Students and Parents,

The summer is going to go by quickly and soon you will be welcomed into your fourth grade classroom! I hope you are looking forward to the coming school year.

It is my goal to help your child gain and refine reading, writing, and math skills. I also want to help your child increase his/her ability to exchange thoughts and share information to become great thinkers and writers. I feel your child will increase his/her knowledge of human behavior, attitudes and feelings, as well as appreciate and value the uniqueness of every individual.

As your new fourth grade teacher I am sure you would like to know a little bit about me. I attended St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT and received a B.A. in Elementary Education and Fine Arts Theater. After college I taught kindergarten and then first grade in Charlotte, VT and South Burlington, VT. After a few years teaching in VT, my husband, Shane, and I moved to Naples, FL. While in Florida I taught fourth grade at St. Elizabeth Seton School for five years. When our son Jack was born I decided it was time to be a stay-at-home mom and loved every minute of it. We moved back to Vermont when Jack was one because Vermont was where we wanted to raise our family. I have been teaching at BJAMS since 2016 and we are thankful our children are students here too. Our son Jack will be in 6th grade and our daughter Sienna will be in 4th grade. It is such a blessing to be teaching at this amazing school.

Fourth grade students need to read two books over the summer. Attached you will find a "book quiz" form to be used with the chapter books of your choice. The book quiz forms need to be signed by a parent once they are complete. The book quiz forms will be your first reading grades. I am also asking all future fourth graders to practice their multiplication facts over the summer. You should try to practice your facts five minutes a day Monday-Friday/25 minutes a week. The easiest way to do this is to use a pack of flashcards first thing in the morning or before going to bed at night.

On the first day of school there are some items I would like you to bring into school.

- 2 completed book quizzes with a parent signature
- 1 homework folder
- #2 pencils- please no mechanical pencils
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 2 containers of Lysol wipes
- 1 bottle of Purell hand sanitizer



In August, be prepared for an exciting, challenging, rewarding, and spiritually fulfilling year. It is my hope that this will be a very successful year for your child. I do hope you will encourage your child to succeed. If there is anything you wish to discuss with me about your child, or if I can be

of additional help, please feel free to contact me. My email is jsemprebon@bjams.org. I wish you all a very safe and relaxing summer!

God Bless,

Mrs. Semprebon

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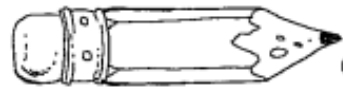
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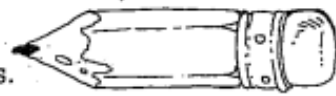
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Book Quiz



Complete the following statements.



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- 2. The other characters' names were _____
- 3. The setting of the story was _____
- 4. The theme, or overall idea of the story, was _____

- 5. The main conflict in the story was between _____

- 6. The conflict was resolved, or ended, when _____



- 7. Another good title for this story would be _____
- 8. One thing the author did that I liked was _____

- 9. I feel the author wrote this book because _____

- 10. I read this book because _____
- 11. I _____ would/would not recommend this book to a friend because _____

- 12. I _____ would/would not read other books by this author because _____



Parent signatures: _____

*Please feel free to use additional paper if needed.

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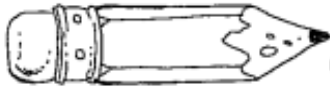
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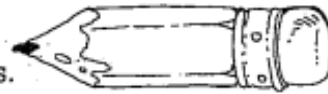
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