

August 2022

Dear Families,

Hello! My name is Mr. Maresca, and I will be your fourth grade teacher this upcoming school year. I hope everyone had a terrific summer and is excited for fourth grade! I cannot wait for us to start to get to know each other, learn, and grow together.

I first want to introduce myself a bit and then explain my teaching philosophies and expectations. This year will be my sixth year in Brookline, all as a 4th grade teacher at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School. Here in Brookline, I am also the Freshman Baseball Coach and the Girls' Basketball Coach at FRR. Originally from Hopewell Junction, NY, I look forward to continuing my integration into the Brookline community. I am a huge sports fan, particularly of the Mets, Knicks, and NY Giants (which I know many of you may not like) and love warm weather. Additionally, I graduated from Quinnipiac University in 2015, where I studied mathematics and elementary education. Prior to getting hired at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School, I taught at Chapel Street School in Stratford, CT for two years.

I have high expectations and goals for each individual student, as well as the class as a whole, this upcoming school year. My belief is not just building skills such as inferring, describing characters, or multi-digit multiplication. Rather, I believe helping students grow a strong character and social emotional base leads to the best learning. My goal by the end of fourth grade is to greatly improve our growth mindset, work ethic, kindness, and social skills in order to master our fourth grade curriculum and more importantly, become lifelong learners.

In 4M, we will be sure to build an engaging, accepting, and equitable community of learners. One of my favorite parts of school is building relationships with students, as well as the friendships that I get to see grow throughout the year. I look forward to meeting all of you, and welcome you to contact me at any time! At the bottom of the page I have attached my current email address. I am confident we are in for a great year, and am excited to meet you all in September. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Maresca

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4M Supply List

Instead of sending out a supply list, the 4th grade team is returning to a pre-pandemic practice of asking each family for \$20. This \$20, which will be collected at the beginning of the year, will buy each student the supplies they and the class will need for the upcoming school year. If money is a concern, please reach out to me and we will absolutely provide accommodations! We will make sure that every student gets exactly what they need.

Additionally, I know families sometimes inquire about what additional supplies could be sent in. A good amount will be purchased with the money from each family. However, below are some optional supplies that could be sent in if you are looking to donate!

- Whiteboard Markers
- Sticky Notes (3 inch x 3 inch)
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Pencils

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email!

Mr. Maresca