



August 29, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to 4th Grade! My name is Miss Zyhowski and I am very excited to be your child's teacher in Room 25. We will be learning many new and fascinating things in math and science this year! I truly believe that a successful year depends on the teacher and parents working together. Thank you for your support and encouragement at home. My contact information is below if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Our classroom will uphold the values of respect, responsibility, caring, and honesty. We will work as a team so that everyone feels welcome, safe, and comfortable participating in our learning activities. We will build this classroom culture by beginning the day with morning meetings. Behavior management will include working toward individual and team goals with positive reinforcement as the focus.

Your child will be bringing home an agenda every day. Please check it daily for any homework or notes from me and write your initials in the parent comment box for that day. It is important for your child to practice math facts daily to keep their fluency sharp as we build into more complex operations with fractions and long division.

My background includes earning a B.S. in Environmental Science with a concentration in Water Quality. Drawn to the teaching side of things, I worked as a Naturalist in Outdoor Education for two years at YMCA Camp Willson. My favorite courses to teach were Aquatic Studies, Horse Sense, and Astronomy. After that, I earned my Master of Science in Education from Canisius College. I have experience substitute teaching in multiple Western New York districts as well as long-term substitute experience in Maryvale (Grade 6), Buffalo (Grade 5), and Starpoint (Grade 4). My teaching adventures also brought me overseas to Poland where I taught English for one school year and ate many pierogi.

I will communicate with you as needed through phone calls, notes, and emails. Feel free to call me at the school number below if you have any questions or concerns. I will respond as soon as I can. Thank you and have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

*Miss Zyhowski*

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