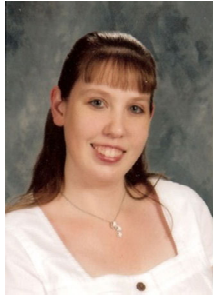


MEET THE TEACHER!



The Basics!

Hi there! Welcome to fourth and fifth grade! My Name is Miss Vanderkooi, and I will be your 4th- 5th grade gifted teacher for the 2023 -2024 school year. I have a tremendous passion for reading (despite the fact I disliked the subject as a child). I look forward to challenging all gifted students to become critical thinkers, set goals, and show them how they can work to reach success. I just can't wait see how much you'll grow! We are going to have an exciting year as we grow our minds.



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| T | -Together we can achieve |
| I | -Integrity |
| G | -Goals |
| E | -Excellence |
| R | -Respect/Responsibility |
| S | -Success |

My Childhood!

I have lived in Florida since I was 3 years old. Before that, I lived in New York. I grew up in Deltona, Florida and attended elementary, middle, and high schools locally. Supporting my community programs was very important to me even as I grew up. At a young age, I helped in multiple children's programs as soon as possible and continued this through my teaching career.



My Education!

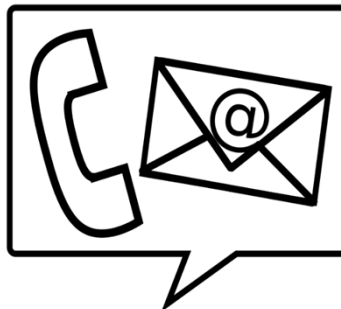
After graduating with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education K-6 with endorsements in ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) and Gifted, I immediately began teaching at Timbercrest Elementary. I have taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade over the last 20 years and have a strong background in learning technology.

My Favorites!

- Food:** Lasagna
- Book:** (there are too many to list!)
- Color:** Blue or Black
- Drink:** Vanilla Coke
- Season:** Winter
- Team:** (I am not really a sports fan)
- Fast Food:** Chic-fil-a
- Restaurant :** Cheesecake Factory or Chilis
- Hobby:** Reading
- Subject:** Social Studies, then Reading
- Store:** Amazon (e-books!!)
- Dessert:** Cheesecake
- Snack:** Cheetos
- Fruit:** Apples
- Candy:** Lindt Truffles (yum!)
- Flower:** Carnation
- Animal:** Siberian Tiger
- Place:** The Bahamas
- School Supplies:** expo markers and science experiment supplies

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Please feel free to write any notes to me in your school planner, which is checked daily!

DO YOU SEE ANY OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ON THIS LIST?!?