



# Mrs. LaRoche's 4th Grade

## BACK TO SCHOOL!

### Newsletter

Van Allen

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### Meet the Teacher

Hello! My name is Bridget LaRoche and I am very excited to be your child's teacher. I graduated from Coe College in 2004 with a degree in Elementary Education and endorsements in Reading and Social Studies. This is my thirteenth year of teaching, and I am so pumped to spend it in 4th grade at Van Allen! When I'm not



teaching, you'll find me at home with my family. My husband and I have two daughters: Leila (4.5) and Ava (2.5). In our free time we enjoy reading, cooking, going for bike rides, and hiking.

### Homework

Fourth grade homework will consist of math, spelling, and reading. Students will write and circle homework in their planner so please make sure to look at and initial your child's planner each night. My intention is to keep homework quite minimal as I want your family to have time to participate in hobbies and family time.

**Math:** Math homework will be sent home each night, Monday-Thursday, and should return the following day. Students will have the choice to complete the paper copy or an online version of the math homework.

**Spelling:** Each Monday your child will bring home a list of spelling words. Please help them study the words throughout the week to prepare for the test on Friday.

**Reading:** Students should read for 20 minutes each night. There will be an area in their planner that will serve as a reading log to document books and minutes read.

### Follow us on Facebook



I have created a closed Facebook group that I will use to share photos, videos, and updates from our classroom. The posts and photos I share to this closed group can only be accessed by those who belong to this group so you can rest assured that others will not be able to see your child online. To follow this closed group just login to your Facebook account and in the search bar type, **Mrs. LaRoche's 4th Grade**. Then select "groups" from the top bar (it's a scrolling bar if you are on a phone). Click "Join" and I will approve your membership! If you have any troubles, please let me know.

### Class Webpage

Please visit our class webpage! You can get to it from the Van Allen page:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/James\\_Van\\_Allen\\_ES](http://www.edline.net/pages/James_Van_Allen_ES)

Once on the Van Allen page click on Classroom Pages and then select "Ms. LaRoche 4th Grade". From the class webpage you will find monthly newsletters, many helpful links, and upcoming events to mark on your calendar.

**I'd LOVE to hear from you!**

**Please call or email with questions, comments, or concerns:**

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