

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to another school year! My name is Jennifer Simaz and I am your child's 4th grade teacher this year! My hometown is Big Rapids, Michigan and I have had various education positions within the past few years. I have been a First and Fifth Grade teacher, a substitute teacher, and a Paraprofessional. I am so excited to now be a part of the Vestaburg Community and I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself and to give you all of the necessary information for this year :)

First and foremost, I want you to know that I am ready to take this role head on and make sure your child has a fantastic year! To make sure that all of your questions and concerns are answered, please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime during the school day via phone or email. You can call the school directly, send an email or leave a message on my room phone and I will get to you as soon as possible. The quickest way to reach me is by email during the day. You are also more than welcome to schedule a meeting after school if you wish.

I would also like to talk about a few housekeeping things:

**Homework:** We will have homework on a Monday- Wednesday schedule and it will be due right away in the morning on the due date. For example, if I assign homework on Monday, it will be due on Wednesday, and if it is assigned on Wednesday, it will be due on Friday. If we do not have school on a due date, it will be due on the day we return to school.

**Class Dojo:** This is a point system that allows our class to earn points by doing their personal best in class! Whether it is staying on task and working hard or rising to the expectations of our classroom :) Once they receive a certain amount of points, the class will get a reward of some kind and we will decided these as a class. An informational Class Dojo parent letter should be in your child's backpack.

**Quizzes/Tests:** If there is going to be a test or quiz, I will let you know at least one week ahead of time and I will always set aside a time the day before to answer any questions your child may still have and to review. I will post a message about them on the Fourth Grade Facebook page and on our class website as well. On our class website, I will list out what the test or quiz is going to be over, so your child knows exactly what to study. Prodigy is a great practice tool as well! If you do not have reliable and consistent access to the internet, please let me know by email, phone or note and we can figure out a different plan in order for you to get the information :)

**Communication between school and home:** I will be posting information both on the Fourth Grade Facebook Page and on our class website. On our class website, you will find:

1. Contact information to reach me.
2. Extra papers; (not on a regular basis, but I will let you know if I do.)
3. Updates on what we are learning each week in every subject.
4. Photos of our class!

**I will also be posting this letter on our website as well. That way you will always have access to this information.**

I believe that this is going to be a great year and I am so excited to see how much your child grows! We ARE Vestaburg!

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Our Class Website: <http://simaz-loves-teaching.weebly.com>    **Check it out!**

