

Welcome to Grade 4

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

We are so excited about getting to know you and your classmates. We know we are going to have a terrific year but we want to know a little bit more about you before we start next week.

Choose at least one of the following ideas

1. Write a letter to your teachers telling them about you. Don't forget to include information about your family, friends, and interests. We also want to know what you are looking forward to this school year and maybe even something you're not.
2. Make a picture book that tells about you. Draw pictures or use photos to make a mini book about how special you are. Don't forget to include a description of the picture so we can learn more about you.
3. Where are you from? We are so lucky to have students from so many different cities. Tell us about the city you come from with pictures, maps, places to visit, history and of course the best food to eat.

Try your best to write in English but if you cannot, use your own language to share your ideas too.

Please email or bring your work along with you on October 3rd. We are looking forward to all the wonderful things you come up with and getting to know you.

We want to make sure we are practising Math too. Try out the websites below to get ready for the new school year.

[http://www.copacabana-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Get Smart Pages/Get Smart Maths s2.htm](http://www.copacabana-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Get_Smart_Pages/Get_Smart_Maths_s2.htm)

http://www.primaryinteractive.co.uk/math_s.htm

<http://bit.ly/multiplicationpractice>

It is so important that we learn times tables so we have the facts we need to solve problems. To keep practising your times tables at home use flash cards with friends and family or write yourself a quiz.

You can use these websites to practice your typing to be ready for the new computers we will be using at school.

<http://www.tvokids.com/framesets/play.html?game=222>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

Don't forget to plan out your route to school. Use a legend and create a map that shows how you will get to school.

Ideas Bank: My Route to School. My Favourite Place. A Perfect Menu. My Favourite Movie. My Dream Pet. I Really Don't Like. The Best Holiday. A Book I Love. If I Had 3 Wishes.

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Dear Grade 4,

Since we have asked you to tell us about you we would like to introduce ourselves by telling you a little more about us. We both arrived in Saudi Arabia in July and since then have been working very hard to get ready for your arrival. To get here we came from very different places, take a look at where we have come from.

I am Ms Breinza and I come from Canada. I have two brothers and a Mom and Dad that still live in Canada. I am the youngest so you can imagine how my brothers liked to pester me when I was growing up. For the past few years I have been working in Australia teaching and visiting the beach and kangaroos. I love to read and write and I also love to travel and try to visit new places. In Australia I have two cats that I miss very much but I get to see them often on Skype. The last thing you should know about me is that I love food; cooking and eating it. Pizza is my favourite and any kind of sour candy. I am looking forward to a fantastic time together this year.

Hello, I am Mrs. Norseth. I am originally Lebanese with dual citizenship, Lebanese and American. I came from Thailand where I was teaching grade 4. My husband is also a teacher at KAUST middle school, and we have two children: Andrew, grade 3 and William, K2. My hobbies are reading, travelling, cooking, running, and spending quality time with my family. I love teaching and working with kids, and I am looking forward to a great year, full of challenging and fun learning experiences. I'm very excited about meeting you!

We hope that you know us a little bit better. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and seeing all the unique gifts that you bring to the classroom. It is going to be an exciting year for all of us and definitely a great year for the first Grade 4 class ever at KAUST Elementary School.

See you next week!

Ms Brienza and Mrs Norseth