

Welcome to 4th Grade!

My name is Mr. Smith, and I am so excited to have you in class this year! I wanted to write you this letter to tell you a little about myself. I'll also tell you a little about what we'll learn this year.

I am originally from North Carolina, but I have lived many places in the last ten years. For example, I've lived in Minnesota, the Canary Islands (Spain), Madrid (Spain). and now, of course, Massachusetts!

This will be my first year at Florida Ruffin Ridley, but it isn't my first year teaching. For the past three years, I've worked as a language specialist in public elementary schools here in Massachusetts and abroad in Spain. (You can see a picture of me exploring one of the islands there to the right).



This year we'll study all sorts of things. We'll learn about North American geographies, histories, and cultures in Social Studies. Our science explorations will focus on plants, changes in states of matter, and changes in the Earth. In mathematics we'll continue learning to make sense of problems and discuss how we solve them.

Mr. Smith's Favorites!

Book: *A Snake Falls to Earth*

Hobbies: Reading and running

Food: Peanut Butter and Jelly

Candy: Hot tamales

Animal: Cats (!!!)

Finally, our English Language Arts activities will help us practice reading and writing a range of genres, both fiction and nonfiction, about all sorts of different topics.

I can't wait to meet all of you this Fall and to get to learn together all throughout this year!