

May 26th, 2022

Hello, families,

Mrs. Suarez and I look forward to meeting you and working with your children for the next two years. We hope to begin getting to know you now and answering your questions as your children prepare to bridge to Upper El.

This is my second year at Brockman and the school is everything I had hoped for and more. My background is teaching middle school math and science, but I have found my home in Upper El. My undergraduate degree was in humanities from the University of Colorado. I then received my Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Emory University. I completed my doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Carolina. I am certified to teach elementary, Montessori ages 6-12, and middle grades math and science. I have National Board certification in early adolescent math, as well as gifted and talented and Read to Succeed literacy endorsements.

I have two adult stepchildren, and my husband and I have a ten-year old son. We enjoy camping, hiking, kayaking, and mountain biking. My personal passion is gardening, and I love sharing that passion with my students. Mrs. Suarez and I recently completed training to build a school gardening program and we plan for the class to spend as much time as possible in the greenhouse and garden next year.

Mrs. Suarez has assisted in Upper Elementary for four years, working with Mrs. Anderson before joining forces with me this year. After working in public, private, and parochial schools, she found her happy place here at Brockman Montessori. She is certificated in secondary education/English (Clemson) and has a master's degree in English education from USC. She has two grown children.

In addition to two adults in the classroom, we also have a bonded pair of rabbits. Mary Bell has been in Upper El for the past two years. Soko just joined us a few weeks ago. They are a gentle and calming influence for many of our students. I am looking for volunteers to help care for them for a week or two indoors over the summer. Please let me know if you are interested.

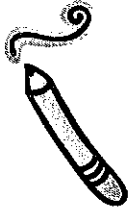
When you have a moment, please send me an email with your contact information and anything specific you would like me to know about your child.

Please get in touch with any questions. The best way to reach me is by email. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Respectfully,

Sarah Burnham and Leigh Suarez

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Supply List for Burnham/Suarez 2022-2023

Small backpack, drawstring bag, or canvas tote.

Reusable personal water bottle with spill-proof top, labeled with student's name.

3 sturdy plastic folders (Mead Five Star) with pockets and prongs (no rings) (red, blue, and green) **(attach post-it notes with student's name inside each folder)**

1 ½" white 3-ring binder

1 package of 12 pre-sharpened Ticonderoga pencils

1 12-count package of Crayola colored pencils **(please label box with student's name)**

1 small pencil pouch

2 glue sticks

1 set of earbuds or headphones **(please label and place in a Ziploc bag)**

2 containers of Clorox wipes

1 box of tissues

1 bottle of liquid hand soap (5ths only)

1 roll of paper towels (4ths only)

Wish List

Quart or gallon-size Ziploc bags

More Clorox wipes, tissues, and paper towels mid-way through the year

