

May 23rd, 2024

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 third 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 twelve-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 completed training for a school gardening program, and we enjoy leading students in the garden and greenhouse.

Mrs. Suarez has assisted in Upper Elementary for five 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 lived in our room since she was a baby. Soko joined us two years ago. They are a gentle and calming influence for many of our students. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting them for a week over the summer.

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 us is by email. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Respectfully,

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Supply List for Burnham/Suarez 2024-2025

Individual Supplies: (Label all with student's name)

Small-Med. backpack or canvas tote. No rolling bookbags, please.

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

1 blue sturdy plastic folder (Mead Five Star) with pockets and prongs (no rings)

1 white 3-ring 1" binder

1 pack of 8-tab dividers

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

1 small pencil pouch or box, with the following inside:

1 12-count package of Crayola colored pencils

1 package of 12 pre-sharpened Ticonderoga pencils

Handheld pencil sharpener

I made an Amazon list of the individual supplies, except the bookbag, in case you are in a hurry: <https://amzn.to/3QTZtju>

Classroom supplies: (Please resupply in January, if you can)

4 glue sticks

1 container of Clorox wipes

1 box of tissues

1 box of any size Ziploc bags (5ths only)

1 roll of paper towels (4ths only)