

QUILCENE SCHOOL
DISTRICT

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Open House—
September 18th
6:00-8:00
- Early Release—
September 4, 11,
18, 25 2:00

Learning together again!

Mrs. Sanders' Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classroom

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Welcome to School!

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to school Kindergarteners and welcome back first graders! I am looking so forward to getting to know my new students and their families as we begin a year of learning and growing together.

I know for many of you this will be the first time you let go of your children for such a long period of time each day. I realize how stressful this can be so I want to share a few words with you about myself.

I was born and raised in Vermont. I grew up in a small, rural town with my mother and older brother. I went to college at Tufts University in Massa-

chusetts for two years where I majored in Early Childhood Education and Anthropology, then decided to leave and study alternative healing. I completed an herbal apprenticeship program in Vermont and then moved to Washington to "get to know" my dad.

While in Tacoma, I went back to school and got my massage therapy license. I spent the next 10 years practicing massage as well as caring for physically and mentally challenged young adults. I spent a great deal of time travelling back and forth across the country and exploring the beauty and uniqueness of our beloved United States of America. I moved to Jefferson

County in 2001 and in 2002 I went to Evergreen State University to complete my bachelor's degree.

In 2005 I came full circle back to my original desire of becoming an elementary teacher and went back to school once again to get a Master's of Science in Elementary Education from Old Dominion University.

Since 2004, I have been living in Quilcene with my husband who is a musician and my now six year old son. We live "off the grid" on five acres of land that we are slowly building a homestead upon. We have a wonderful dog named Blue, a wildish cat named Job, ten hens, two roosters, two ducks



and two fish.

I have been working in the Quilcene School District since 2006 in various positions: student teacher, substitute teacher, para educator, HEP student learning plan consultant, K/2nd/6th grade math teacher, and last year was my first year as the K/1 teacher. I am thrilled to be able to do this again this year and continue on with some of my students from last year!

We will spend the first few weeks of school learning our daily schedule and routines and working together to create the rules of our new classroom community. With clear guidelines and procedures, we are able to ensure that we all have a successful and enjoyable school year.

Within the next few weeks, I will be sending home handouts addressing the specifics of

our classroom curriculum and routines. Throughout the year, I will be sending home periodic newsletters that discuss what is happening in our classroom.

I want you to know that one of my most important goals this year is to keep the lines of communication open with you. You can reach me via email at hsanders@qlsd.wednet.edu or by phone at (360)765-3363 ext. 226. I am looking forward to a fun and successful year and I know you are too. If you have any specific information regarding needs your child might have in the classroom and I how I can meet them or if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to the new school year and hope to see you soon!

Heather Sanders

**You are the bows from
which your children as
living arrows are sent
forth.**

~Khalil Gibran

