

My name is Mrs. Julie Crist and I teach fourth grade at Pleasantdale Elementary. This is my twelfth year teaching and my fifth year at Pleasantdale. I have also taught second grade for 6 years and in a multiage second/third grade class for Lyons School District #103. I graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana and I have a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University.

I am looking forward to helping each and every student thrive in this classroom. I look forward to all the "firsts" that they will experience this year—the first time they read a book that really sparks their thinking, the first time I get to see wonder, awe and excitement in their eyes, the first time they share about their dreams, strengths, challenges and goals. I strive to get to know your child as an individual and help them to identify his/her passions. Our classroom is structured to be an inviting place where we are not afraid to take risks and open the door to learning.

As many of you know, I too, am a parent. I have a five year old son, Brian, a 3 year old daughter, Ellie, and a 16 month old daughter, Emma. I know what it means to want the world for them. I also know that as a teacher I simply cannot know everything there is to know about what makes them "tick." I need you. Together, with your kids, we are partners in this educational adventure. Please know that an active role in your child's education is vital to his/her success. I welcome visitors, helpers, ideas, advice and just about anything else you have to offer! Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. I know that we will be fabulous partners for your child's educational journey through fourth grade.