



Back to School Night

August 25, 2020

Hello! My name is Cathy Brent, and I am your child's sixth-grade language arts and Bible teacher. I have enjoyed getting to know each of your children during these first few days of school. We have already had fun times together playing spelling games, reading stories together, and beginning our new read-aloud book, *The Sign of the Beaver*.

This is my seventh year teaching at Grace Christian School, but I have taught sixth grade at Christian schools for thirteen years (and a few more in kindergarten and preschool). My husband, Robert, is a professor in Environmental Science at JMU; and we have 3 boys: Kevin (a senior at Christopher Newport University majoring in business marketing), Nathan (a sophomore at JMU majoring in energy systems), and Ryan (a 10th grade student at GCS). I have my elementary education degree from Virginia Tech as well as a middle school English endorsement.

I simply love teaching! I feel that teaching is exactly what God has called me to do. What a joy it is to come to work each day and love my job! I will strive to see that the school's mission statement (below) is fully recognized throughout this year.

To assist Christian parents by providing a sound academic education in a Christ-centered environment designed to prepare our young people to know God and to live in obedience to His will for their lives.

Thank you for the privilege of working with your sixth-grade student this year. Please contact me at cbrent@gcswarriors.org with any questions you may have. I look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cathy Brent
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Bible 6

Tabernacle theme

Seated and ready to learn by 8:10

Memory verse and catechisms each Friday - Scripture memory award (96% and above average all year)

Chapels/prayer groups - leaders this year, wear honor shirts on Tuesdays (chapel days)

Sign planner each night - white envelopes signed every Monday

Class Meetings - based on the book *Positive Discipline*

Reading *The Bronze Bow*

Dress code

Boy-girl relationships

Language Arts 6

Book clubs each Friday - readings and jobs due; pre-packaged, store-bought snacks to share

Sign planner each night - homework on renweb - check regularly - avoid mid-year trips

Bible letter each Friday - class info.

Field trips on hold to JMU planetarium, Paramount, Monticello, Frontier Culture Museum, library, and stream (in May)

Popcorn/movie parties

Cooperative learning groups - "Wall of Fame"

Spelling/Vocab - alternate spelling and vocab test each Wednesday

Student extra curricular events - I'd love to come!

Homework policy - grading, study buddies, late policy, etc. - read GCS Parent Handbook

Needs for classroom - Organize class parties (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, after Easter chapel, end of school), help with bulletin boards, support online learning if that becomes a reality