

Dear parents and guardians,

Hello. My name is Susan Place. I am student teaching in Mrs. Wilcox's classroom for my final practicum. I will be in the classroom over the following six weeks, from October 27th to December 5th, taking over the classroom responsibilities completely for three of the six weeks.

Our topics will be:

- The focus in Social studies will be how all the parts of the government work together. We will also study who is in the government and jobs held in the government. We will be taking a field trip to the Parliament buildings in Victoria.
- In Language Arts, we will continue the spelling test format Mrs. Wilcox has integrated into the class. We will also do group reading projects. The class will be reading three different books in small reading groups and learning about the parts of stories and how to respond to books from a personal perspective.
- In Math, we will be learning about transformations (slides, flips and turns). We will be creating art in Math so look for some fun mathematical art to come home with your children!
- In Science we will learn about how the systems of the Human Body and how the systems are connected to each other; this unit will tie into the activities completed in Computers.
- In French, we will focus on winter vocabulary words since winter is fast approaching!
- Finally, in gym there will be a variety of skill practice, games, dancing and plenty of movement to keep them active and having fun.

A little about me

I am in my final year at the former Malaspina University-College. I have taught in various grades for my practicums. I have taught grade two, grade seven (twice), grade eight and now grade five. I have taught in three different school districts as well. I think having such diverse teaching experiences has helped me develop well as a teacher.

I have two children, ages 12 and 11. I am married and have a beautiful dog whose name is Cleo and two cockatiels named Turk and Roscoe. I hope to stay in Nanaimo and teach once I graduate in December.

I have enjoyed getting to know your children over the past month. I hope to meet you over the next six weeks. Please feel free to say hello to me before or after school any day. If you have any questions, please feel free to see myself, Mrs. Wilcox or contact the school at (250) 754-5591.

Sincerely

Susan Place