Meet Mr. Henry!

Mr. Henry has been an educator for the last 10 years, and is so excited to start a new year at Renaissance!   
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*Meet Mrs. Bierlein!*

Mrs. Bierlein has been a teacher for 12 years. She is excited to meet all of the new faces here at our school!  
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*Meet Ms. Nemeth!*Ms. Nemeth has been a 3rd grade teacher at Renaissance for the last 8 years. She cannot wait to start her 9th year as a multiage teacher with so many new ideas!  
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*Meet Mrs. Manika!*  
Mrs. Manika has worked at Renaissance Academy as a 4th grade teacher for the last 6 years. She is excited to begin this new year with new ideas and a fresh approach!  
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Welcome to the Island!   
 3rd & 4th Grade Multiage Team!  
www.the3rdand4thgradeisland.weebly.com

**Supply List**

* Lots of #2 pencils
* Pencil Top Erasers
* Scissors
* 12 inch ruler
* Wide Markers
* Colored Pencils
* Skinny AND Large Dry Erase Markers
* One 1’’ 3-ring binder
* 4-5 folders (plain colored-no designs)
* 2 packages of lined (wide-ruled) paper
* 1 one-subject (wide-ruled) notebook
* Scotch tape
* Package of Construction Paper
* Package of Colored or Decorative Paper
* Disinfectant Wipes
* Boxes of Tissue
* Gallon and sandwich bags
* Any other items that you feel we would benefit from ☺  
  *\*\*Please provide what you can as we are all working with tighter budgets these days. We appreciate all donations as these will be used on a “community” basis within our multiage team.* ☺

***What is a Multiage Classroom?***  
A multiage classroom is a unique setting in which children are grouped in a larger age range than the traditional one year placement. In the 3rd and 4th grade multiage classrooms we will have students ranging over two age groups. Students entering 3rd grade will spend two years in their multiage classroom with the same teacher before moving on to 5th grade. Students who spend a year or more in a multiage setting not only benefit academically, but will have stronger leadership and problem solving abilities. The unique opportunity to spend two years with a student gives teachers the ability to better know your child’s strengths and weaknesses and provide them a better education using this knowledge. It also allows the student and teacher to develop a strong relationship, and research shows that optimal learning occurs in comfortable environments where positive relationships are present. In our multiage classrooms students will be viewed as individuals. Their educational experiences will be based on their own strengths and weaknesses, unlike a same grade classroom which often expects students to be at the same place at the same time without regard to ability. A multiage setting allows us to meet the student with what they are ready for, not what the class is ready for. In the same regard, students who have mastered skills can be pushed ahead and introduced to advanced concepts. We are very excited about the opportunity to provide your student with this unique educational setting and look forward to sharing their successes with you!