



Meet Mrs. Pounder

I am thrilled to start my 3rd year in 4th grade at Valley Ridge! I am also very excited to work with Mrs. Bourke again!

This is my 6th year teaching in St. John's County. Before moving to Florida, I taught second and third grade in Howard County, Maryland, where I also served as the third grade instructional team leader. I earned my bachelor's degree in History from George Mason University in Virginia. I completed my master's degree in Elementary Education at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

I have a passion for helping students learn to love math! I enjoy challenging students and encourage investigative learning by incorporating S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lessons whenever possible. Student choice, collaborative learning, and personal responsibility are also important parts of my classroom. I celebrate differences and feel that each student is a valuable member of our learning community. I welcome parent volunteers and view families as important partners!

Thanks to my father's, my own, and my husband's military careers, I have had the opportunity to live and travel all over the world. I enjoy learning about other cultures and truly value the rich diversity of our world. In my free time, I like to read, cook, spend time with my family, go to the beach and travel. I love Baltimore Orioles Baseball and I'm an avid lacrosse fan.



I have four great kids! My oldest will be a sophomore at the University of South Carolina this fall. Go Gamecocks! My second child is a lacrosse player and a senior at Nease. I have a 7th grader, who loves to dance. I also have a three-year-old who keeps us all on our toes!

