



Monday's Letter
November 9, 2009

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Jason Belknap to you. He works with Ms. Molly in her art room and is with us for this semester as he satisfies his requirements for student teaching. Mr. Belknap is a graduate of Sage College of Albany with a Bachelors in Fine Arts. He concentrated in Illustration so that he would be able to learn about both fine arts as well as the digital arts. With both of these specialties, he is learning more skills and techniques to become a well rounded art educator. Mr. Belknap is currently attending Sage Graduate School where he is a candidate for the Masters in Art Teaching program.

Mr. Belknap enjoys working at ACCS and has met some great people in both the students and faculty alike. He is currently assisting the 5th graders



in their exploration of the Hudson River School of Art. These landscape painters are an important part of the historical culture of the United States, and best of all, they lived and worked in New York State. Mr. Belknap and the students are working on Document Based Questions (DBQs) that actively engage the students in the history of these artists.

When He is not at school or studying for school, Mr. Belknap enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife, Michelle. They both enjoy the outdoors and consider themselves experienced hikers. Mr. Belknap enjoys watching and playing other sports such as baseball or football. His favorite teams are the NY Yankees in baseball and the NY Giants in football.

In addition to these pursuits, Mr. Belknap is an Airman in the NYS Air National Guard. He has been a part of the military for over six years and has achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was recently selected to be commissioned as an officer and after completion of Officer Candidate School; he will hold the rank of Lieutenant.

Mary Theresa