

Dear Parents,

With summer quickly coming to a close, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those who may not yet know me, and to welcome you all to the world of Early Primary!

My name is Genevieve. I became a part of the North Branch family as a student when I was 9 years old. After graduating in 2001 I went on to Nelson County High School and then continued my education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. There, I received a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and graduated with a Masters in Teaching. I was thrilled to start my first year of teaching back at North Branch and taught the Juniors class for 2 years before moving to Early Primary. I am very excited to start my sixth year teaching Early Primary - and this year with my own little one in tow! Baby girl is due at the end of September. I will start the year and stay as long as I am able, so we can all get to know each other and establish our routines and a solid classroom community before I take maternity leave. I will be gone for about 6 weeks, during which time your children will be in the very capable hands of my long-term substitute. . When I return in late fall, I will be bringing her back to school with me. As a student at NBS, I loved being able to see my teachers' babies grow up at school, and as a teacher I have experienced the profound positive effect on the school environment of my colleagues' having their children in class - particularly their home base classroom. I am so excited and extremely grateful to be able to experience the way that a baby brings out the best in children and adults alike. They are the best possible motivation for all kinds of positive social growth and group problem solving.

If you have any questions or concerns about how this process will work and what it will look like, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I am happy to chat in person as well!

## School supplies

please provide each of the following items for your child:

- Inside shoes - (slippers) comfortable, easy off and on, closed toe and will stay on feet! (Crocs are a great option)
- Spare change of clothes in a plastic bag (ziplock/grocery) to stay at school (including undergarments)
- A face mask (or several) that your child is comfortable wearing each day, as well as an extra to keep at school.
- Lunchbox/bag
- Water bottle with closed spout - to go home and come back each day
- Backpack for items to go home daily
- Crayola Twistable Crayons -the longer length (Please label EACH crayon with your child's name)

The following is a list for general classroom use. We will use these items throughout the year. You may bring in one, some, all, or none of these items... Whatever works for your family!

- Clorox or Lysol wipes (off brand is fine)
- Glue sticks and/or bottles
- Gallon size or sandwich size zipper storage bags (off brand is fine)
- Markers - thin or thick
- Construction paper 8 ½ x 11
- 13 gallon trash bags