

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear K2 Families,

My name is Ms. Keeler and I am happy to be back at the Mason welcoming a new class of K2 scholars this year! I love teaching K2. I also love to cook , travel and spend time with friends and family.

I started working in Boston 12 years ago working at some great elementary schools throughout the city, but happily found my home at the Mason. I could not be happier to be part of such an awesome community of families, students and staff and look forward to another great year. This is tenth year working at The Mason Elementary School and my second year working with my paraprofessional Mr. Johnson, who is awesome! I look forward to working together with Mr. Johnson again this year and to meeting all my new students and families this year.

I attended Fordham University for my undergraduate and initially wanted to pursue a career in law, but after a change in my career path I found myself in the classroom and couldn't be happier. My mother taught in Boston and Milton for many years, and I am proud to follow in her footsteps. I love teaching and feel truly blessed to have found a job that I love. While teaching, I completed my master's in special education, at Gordon College and am grateful to have had such a positive educational experience that truly helped me grow as a teacher. I love teaching K2 and watching my students grow as learners. I feel all children need a strong educational foundation where they feel safe, loved, and inspired to do great things and I can't wait to see all the great things this new class of 2021 will do this year.

Throughout this year we will learn a lot through read alouds, investigations, projects, center-based learning, art, play and hands on activities. I know this year may be different whether we are learning in school or remotely, but most importantly I want you to know we are in this together. We want our students to still feel excited to learn , to stay engaged, to grow and have fun in a positive learning environment. Our class will have a ClassDojo website for parents to use to see what learning is going on each day.

What to Bring to School:

A student handbook will be sent home with your child. Please fill out and sign all the necessary documents and return to school ASAP.

Also, if you are planning on volunteering in the classroom, and/or chaperone a field trip a Cori form must be filled out (please see Ms. Hogan—the secretary).

Please return the Pre-K Questionnaire sheet on the first day of school or at your earliest convenience).

Please provide an extra change of clothes (pants, shirt, socks and underwear) with your child's name on each piece of clothing. Due to limited space please use a small plastic bag to hold their belongings.

Your child will need to bring a backpack to school every day to carry home papers/projects from school. The backpack should be big enough to fit a large folder. Please check the contents of this backpack daily!

I will give each child a folder to keep any papers that we may have completed in school, as well as any important notes that come from the office or me. You may also send any forms/paperwork this way and we will make sure all important information gets to the office or its designated place. Please contact me if you are unsure about something.

This folder needs to be sent back to school every day. Please empty the folder daily.

Looking forward to the school year ahead of us! Please feel free to contact me with any concerns throughout the school year.

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