

Meet Your Teachers!

This year, we are excited to have a two-teacher team working together to support your child's learning. On the first day of school, we will be waiting to greet you!

Ms. Katie O'Leary:

Hello and happy school year! As I begin my 14th year teaching at the Mason, I am more excited than ever for our first grade adventures to begin! Although this year may feel different than past school years, I have no doubt that we will take advantage of every opportunity to share ideas, learn, have fun, and build a community together. As we spend time together, you'll find out that my favorite color is purple, I love dancing ballet, I have about 500 favorite books, and I love going on adventures. I can't wait to find out about all the things you love too!

An alumni of Boston College, I am certified in both Elementary and Special Education; I also completed a Literacy Coaching certificate program at Lesley University. As your child's homeroom teacher, I will be leading math, reading, writing, and phonics instruction. I hope to share my love of books and book-making with your child. I look forward to collaborating with students, families, and Mr Johnson to deliver the best possible instruction to your child this school year!

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Mr. James:

Hello there and happy new school year. This is my first year with the Mason but I am looking forward to an awesome year, as I go into my 4th year as a paraprofessional. The past year has been pretty hard on all of us due to the pandemic, BUT, I am confident that we will remain safe and have fun while we learn. To tell you a little about myself and background, I was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts but to be a little more accurate Roxbury, Massachusetts. I graduated from Jeremiah E. Burke High School and attended Bentley University which was Bentley College at the time of my attendance. Over the course of my College Career and returning to the neighborhood of Roxbury, I began to better understand the needs and wants of inner city students, being that I have a very similar background and related experiences. With that being said, I am really looking forward to meeting all the new students from different walks of life and prepared to teach what I know as well as learn something new from your child.

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