

9/12/21

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to my 6th Grade Math Class. I would like to start by extending my sincere thanks to all of you for sharing your children with me! I know that we are all equally as grateful to be “in this building” and able to start another school year. Thank you in advance for all your support!

To quickly share a little about myself, I am currently teaching my 25th year here at Goetz. I have taught 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders through the years, general Math as well as Advanced and Pre-Algebra. I studied abroad at the Athens University School of Economic and Business Sciences in Athens, Greece, earned my Masters in Education at TCNJ, am fluent in Greek, and am ESL and Bilingual-Bicultural Education Certified.

I enjoy being in the classroom and love what I do. I aim to do my very best in order to provide a comfortable, safe, and productive environment for your children with my ultimate goal being to motivate, build confidence, and challenge each individual. It is so important to have my students enjoy school and have a positive attitude about learning. I base my classroom on mutual respect, model and reinforce behaviors I want repeated, provide guidance, am approachable, patient, organized, flexible, firm but fair.

All students, and especially our 6th graders, are facing unique circumstances which may bring excitement, fears, nervousness and many other emotions. I will put all of these emotions first in settling your children into this new environment, and math instruction and curriculum will follow. The social and emotional well-being will undoubtedly come first.

I will always welcome questions and concerns and would like to encourage you to reach out without hesitation. Please let me know how your children are adjusting to their new routine. If I can help in any way to make this a smoother transition for them, I will most certainly appreciate you letting me know.

In closing, if you are unable to attend Back-to-School Night on Monday, 9/13, we can definitely arrange a phone call this week. Please let me know and I would be more than happy to set that up. In the meantime, my Teacher Page on the Goetz Website will also provide insight.

Contact me directly by email dgkatsoupas@jacksonsd.org

Best Regard,

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