

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Kalb, and I will be your child's mathematics teacher. I am originally from Burlington, NJ and now reside in Delaware. I graduated from the University of Delaware in June 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a discipline in Middle School Mathematics. I have since taken graduate courses at the University of Delaware in the fields of education and instruction.

I taught 8th grade mathematics here at Gunning Bedford Middle School for 14 ½ years. After the births of my children, I decided to stay home for a few years to raise my family.

Once my children were old enough to attend elementary school, I went back to teaching. I had two long-term substitute assignments teaching middle school mathematics in the Appoquinimink School District, spent one year teaching 8th grade mathematics full-time at Stanton Middle School in the Red Clay Consolidated School District, and then five years ago I was afforded the opportunity to return "home" to Gunning Bedford to teach 7th grade mathematics! With my knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of mathematics teaching, I am excited to be a part of a district that envisions high achievement for all students.

One of my greatest accomplishments as a teacher was being awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Secondary Mathematics Teaching for the State of Delaware in 1999. This award allowed me the opportunity to meet with other outstanding mathematics educators from across the nation while spending a week in Washington, DC.

I am looking forward to working with your child. My philosophy of education is to provide each child with an academic atmosphere in which he/she is challenged to reach his/her highest level of moral, emotional, and intellectual development.

I also recognize and appreciate the basic rights of parents as the first and most important educators of their children. Teachers and parents must cooperate as partners, being aware that school is a support to the family. I would like to become an intricate part of this support.

If you would ever like to discuss anything about your child, please feel free to contact me at school. I am looking forward to developing a desire in your child to achieve the highest development of each human potential.

Sincerely,

Ms. L. Kalb

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