Dear First Grade Families,

Hello and welcome to first grade! My name is Mrs. Middleton and I will be your first grader’s teacher for the 2020-2021 school year! I am really excited about this year and am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

I would like to share a little about myself. I grew up in Herndon and moved to Leesburg in 2009. My husband and I have a son, Kenny, who will be in second grade, and a daughter, Kora, who will be in first grade. I completed my bachelors (May 1999) and masters (June 2000) at Virginia Tech and am a huge Hokie fan! In the past, I have substituted in a variety of grades, tutored, and coached swimming. In April 2010, I completed an endorsement to my masters at Shenandoah University to become certified as a reading specialist. This will be my twenty-first year teaching first grade. I have loved working with the Catoctin staff and community and am excited for the year ahead!

This is going to be a very busy and exciting year! It is always so amazing to see the amount of growth a child makes in one year. The children will have many opportunities to engage in reading, writing, math, science, and social science activities both in an asynchronous and synchronous setting. Besides technology, your child will participate in a variety of hands on activities daily. Although we will be embarking on this year virtually, I want our “classroom” to be a respectful and caring community of learners. I hope you will be as involved as possible in your child’s school experience!

During the school year, I will be keeping in touch with you through the weekly updates. Please feel free to contact me via email. My email address is jeannine.middleton@lcps.org. I will have office hours Tuesday-Friday from 2:30-3:00. I will be checking and responding to emails during this time. It is also a time that we can schedule a phone call or virtual meeting, if needed. I also have a website on the Catoctin homepage that will include more information.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing more information with you at Catoctin’s Virtual Back to School Event on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30!

Yours truly,

Jeannine Middleton