

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

Dear Kindergarten Families,

I want to welcome you and your incoming student to Sycolin Creek! My name is Columbia Wajsgras (pronounced WAYS-GRASS), and I am overjoyed to be your child's teacher. This is an exciting developmental year filled with learning and growing, and I am thrilled to work with you and your child throughout all their incredible milestones.

Having just moved to Loudoun County this summer with my husband, this will be my first year working at Sycolin Creek. Before coming to Virginia, I taught elementary school in Seattle, WA, including 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I received my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in Special Education, from American University, in Washington, D.C. Originally, I am from Rhode Island, where I love to visit my family and the ocean often!

My passion is teaching young learners and helping them grow to their fullest potential, while giving them the skills they need to be successful in the school years ahead. I believe children learn by constructing their own knowledge of the world around them, and I am here to foster their curiosity and discovery. Additionally, I strive to make learning fun and engaging for your child, so they may develop a love for learning, knowledge, and school! This year, they will learn foundational academic standards and practice important social and emotional skills to build positive relationships and to self-regulate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns! My email is [columbia.wajsgras@lcps.org](mailto:columbia.wajsgras@lcps.org). I am looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wajsgras

