

Freedom Hill Elementary 1945 Lord Fairfax Road Vienna, VA 22182

August, 2018

Dear 1st grade parents,

Your child has been assigned to Madeline Schmidt's 1st grade classroom. Mrs. Schmidt welcomed a beautiful baby boy this summer! She will be on maternity leave to begin this school year and is scheduled to return on November 5th. Knowing that Mrs. Schmidt would be taking some maternity leave to begin the new year, the 1st grade team worked together at the end of last year to be proactive with planning and preparation.

I am pleased to announce that Rehab Elgadi will be assuming the role of classroom teacher during Mrs. Schmidt's leave. Mrs. Elgadi has been a preferred substitute teacher at FHES for several years, called on by many teachers to serve as substitute when needed. Mrs. Elgadi completed a long-term teacher substitute position in kindergarten last year at FHES so she will already have a connection with students who have been placed in this classroom! She was an incredible asset to our staff last year and I know she will continue to maintain a positive learning environment in this 1st grade class.

I am grateful that Mrs. Elgadi committed to this position and she again has been fully embraced by the first grade team and entire staff. She will be attending the entire in-service week in preparation as well. The first grade team will collaborate together to design engaging lessons to meet every student's needs. We offer various layers of support for all staff and are more than equipped to ensure Mrs. Elgadi is successful in educating your child until Mrs. Schmidt's return. Your child is in great hands!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. You will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Elgadi Friday, August 24th at Open House (10:00 AM).

All my best,

Scott E. Bloom Principal Freedom Hill ES