



Welcome to Room 106!

Dear Beard Families,

Welcome to Room 106 and the 2018-19 school year! My name is Michele Van Pelt and I will be your child's Full Day Preschool Teacher this year.

This will be my ninth year of teaching and my sixth year at Beard Elementary School. I formerly taught in a self-contained special education classroom. However, I do have a Master of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and am very excited to be moving into the preschool program here at Beard. In addition to having an early childhood degree, I also have a Master of Arts degree in English Language Learners as well as a B.A. in Elementary Education/Special Education.

Yesenia Salgado will be the T.A. within the classroom this year. This will be her third year working at Beard School within the preschool program. She is absolutely fantastic and I am very happy to have her as part of the classroom team!

Your child will have lunch and recess every day from 11:00-11:45. If your child has any special dietary needs, please inform me as soon as possible. Also, please notify the office or myself of any allergies your child has. Every day from 12:15-1:15, your child will participate in either gym, art or library. A detailed daily schedule will be uploaded onto our classroom website shortly.

Our school uses Class Dojo as part of our schoolwide PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) program. Class Dojo is a program that allows students to earn points for positive behavior choices. You will be receiving a specific sign in code for your child to use on the Class Dojo website.

Remember to check your child's backpack every day for any notes and important information being sent home. You may also feel free to contact me via email my CPS email at: mrnvanpelt@cps.edu. Once you sign up for Class Dojo, you can also email me via Class Dojo. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible, but please allow 1 business day for response time. If it is an urgent matter, please leave a message with the office at 773.534.1228 and I will return your phone call as soon as possible.

I am very excited to have an opportunity to work with you child this school year. Yesenia and I are looking forward to a fun and exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Michele Van Pelt