Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Patricia Pettit, and I will be your child’s teacher this year. This will be my sixth year in the Plymouth Canton Community School District, and my second year in teaching at Bird Elementary School. I graduated from Madonna University, Livonia Michigan, in 2017 with a Bachelor Degree in Language Arts and an Elementary Teaching Certification. I chose to become a teacher because, first and foremost, I have always enjoyed working with and helping children learn, and secondly, because I had an outstanding opportunity in working with English Language Learners for five years and through that experience, realized the satisfaction and joy that comes from teaching, where one is truly helping and making a difference in another’s life and future success. It is a job that I am honored and proud to do.

My classroom is one where all students are held to high expectations and standards of behavior so that the classroom will be allowed to function to its highest ability. During the first two weeks of school we will be learning all about what the students are expected to do, and what I am expected to do. The classroom procedures will be fully taught and understood by every student to promote a smoothly running and positive learning environment for all. My students will be encouraged to exercise self-discipline through reflection and self-evaluation. They will also learn to control their own behavior, rather than rely on the teacher for control.

Because parents and guardians are such an important part of their child’s education, home/school communication is of the greatest importance. I would like you to feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached through the main office at school, my cell phone, via email and through this website. If you would like to meet with me in person, please contact me to schedule an appointment for before or after school. I will also be sending home our classroom newsletter at different times throughout the school year to fill you in on important information, useful websites, and interesting things that go on in our classroom.

In my opinion, school is a place where children should be nurtured, guided, taught and empowered by and through their own successes. I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pettit

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