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Dear EPCS Families,

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Laura Ferrentino and I am excited to be your child's first grade Math and Science teacher. I am very excited to have your child in my homeroom class this year. I have been a teacher at EPCS for 24 years. I am NJ certified in early childhood and elementary education (Kindergarten - 8th grade) and have a Master's Degree in teaching Mathematics in grades K-6.

I am a firm believer of rules in a classroom and my classroom reflects that structure along with clear expectations for student behavior. I have no doubt that your children will thrive in an environment that is structured and engaging.

It is important for students to arrive at school on time, be kind to their classmates, and to complete homework everyday. Developing academic and social skills is a team effort and you play an important role in helping your child learn and grow. Quality time spent together reading promotes bonding, strengthens relationships, and builds important foundational skills.

The first couple of days of school are very exciting. The students and I will get acquainted with each other and become familiar with the classroom routines. During the course of the year we will work together as a class and in small groups to problem solve and complete various activities in both math and science.

This year, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Chapa, our paraprofessional, who will be with us part of the day. Mrs. Chapa has many years experience and is a wonderful asset to our class for additional support, instruction, and guidance.

I look forward to seeing you at Back-To-School Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 19th, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at: laura.ferrentino@englewoodcharter.org. I check my email everyday, before and after the school day. If you need to reach me during the school day, please call the office at 201-569-9765.

I can't wait to meet you and your children!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ferrentino :)