Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year! My name is Ms. Leary and I will be your child's Fourth Grade Teacher! This is my fourth year teaching at Brent Elementary School, and my seventh year overall. In years past, I was the Reading teacher, but this year I will be teaching your child Reading, Writing, Math, and Social Studies!

As all of you know, we will be starting the year off much differently than in the past, but I am excited to help your child, and you, navigate through the changes. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or compliments, please feel free to contact me at jasmine.leary@k12.dc.gov. Please read below for some very important information. I look forward to seeing and speaking with you in the near future!

Welcome from your Focus Teacher
Your fourth grade focus teacher is Ms. Ullo. She will engage with students across the whole grade level and work closely with students in small groups. Ms. Ullo has worked for DCPS for many years, however she recently moved back from three years abroad in Madrid Spain. While there she worked with third and fourth graders at the American School of Madrid. You can contact her at Megan.ullo@k12.dc.gov.

Virtual Home Visits: During week 1 (8/31-9/4), ECE – 5th grade families and teachers will participate in virtual home visits. Relationship building is the central focus of these conversations that will serve as the launching point for a year-long collaborative relationship. I will share more about these home visits in an email on Friday. Please sign-up for a virtual home visit time https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VJP0moj9O5G8_ZM-BGZBP0VusT4YHaOdMjvmxhrssYk/edit?usp=sharing.

Asynchronous Open House: On Friday, we will have an asynchronous open house where your family will be able to watch a video introducing students to their new grade. Keep an eye out for an email on Friday.

Instructional Time for Week 1
To accommodate the home visits, we will have a modified instructional schedule for Week 1. All students will be expected to participate from 8:30-10:00 each day as well as the items below.

- **Closing Meeting:** Our class will come together for closing meeting each day during Week 1. Closing meeting will be from 2:45-3:15.
- **Small Groups:** Our grade level schedule has small group time across the week. For Weeks 1 – 3, your child will be in the same small group. The attached document titled 'Small Groups' shows your child’s small group assignment. They will be live with a teacher during that small group window.
- **Specials:** Specials will start on the first day of school. Our class will have **Music** every day from (10:15-10:45).
- **PE:** Our class will have PE on Monday from 1:00-1:45.
Be on the lookout for another email from me on Friday! Information about logging on for all components of the schedule will come and be shared with students at morning meeting and throughout Week One. The email will also include more information about the Open House.

Thank You,
Ms. Leary