Donna Girardi-Reed is excited to begin her fifteenth year in education and her second year as a third-grade focus teacher at Brent! She has taught in grades three through eight as both a math and reading teacher. Ms. Girardi-Reed, or “G-Reed” as the kids call her, began her teaching career as a substitute teacher in her native, Charleston, South Carolina, then moved to Boston, Massachusetts where she was a Boston Teacher Resident, and received her M.Ed. in Secondary Humanities with a focus on Special Education. She taught there for six years, then moved to Washington, DC where she has lived and taught for the past eight years. She has spent most of her teaching career working with students who learn differently.

Ms. G-Reed loves working both in the larger classroom with other teachers and with small groups of students that need a bit more specialized instruction. She enjoys providing multiple means of representing information, multiple ways of allowing students to express what they know, and serving as an additional resource for her students, their families, and her co-teachers.

Ms. G. Reed’s hobbies include reading, traveling, and spending time with her husband and two children. She has a spirited six-year old son, Leone, who is a first-grade student at Brent and an equally energetic three-year-old daughter, Erina, who is in PK3 at Peabody Elementary.

Ms. Girardi-Reed believes in working with families to optimize student learning and welcomes their input in the learning process. She can be reached at donna.girardi-reed@k12.dc.gov.