

October 26, 2009

Dear First Grade Parents,

I am very pleased to inform you that the Office of School Performance has allocated an additional part-time teacher to Goshen Elementary School due to our large first grade classes. At the present time, we have 108 first grade students, with four homeroom teachers, and 2 part time reading initiative teachers. With the new teacher allocation, we will be able to reduce the class size in our math classes and support our guided reading group rotations. We are very happy that all of the students will benefit from the additional staffing.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Melanie Cathey as our new teacher. Ms. Cathey, who holds a graduate degree in education from the University of Maryland, completed her student teaching experience in first grade. Since October 19, she has been working with the first grade teachers in all of the classrooms, and has gotten to know the students. Since she is a part-time teacher, she will not have a homeroom class. However, she will be working with guided reading groups each day in first grade. In addition, she will have a first grade math class.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Cathey to the Goshen Elementary staff.

Sincerely,

Linda F. King
Principal