



Dear KB Families,

Welcome to KB! My name is Caryn Berkowitz and I am very excited to be your kindergarten teacher. This will be my thirteenth year teaching kindergarten at Hardy School. I live with my husband, my 10 year old son, and my 8 year old daughter. My early youth experience as a babysitter and camp counselor led me to the path of becoming an educator. I feel very fortunate to love what I do!

My degrees include a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, and an M.S. in Early Childhood Education with and without Special Needs from Wheelock College. As a lifelong learner, I continue to take courses and attend workshops to better myself as a teacher.

I look forward to hearing about everyone's fun-filled summer adventures spending time with family, playing with friends, learning new skills, and reading! All kindergarten classrooms are fortunate to have full time teaching assistants. Our goal is to create a safe and secure environment for our KB community where each child will be encouraged to gain independence, respect for others, and grow as learners.

Some of the things that I like to do during my free time are spending time at the beach with family and friends, reading, taking walks, bike rides and traveling to new places. This summer I had a memorable vacation to Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park with my family and close friends.

**Please mark your calendars and join me and our classroom for a KB Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 27th 2:00-2:30 in the KB classroom.** The gathering will give the KB children an opportunity to meet me and other classmates, and a chance to see our classroom before the **first day of school on Wednesday, August 28th.**

On the half days of school, I will be holding **one-to-one meetings with each KB student**. This helps me to better get to know your child and plan future instruction. The meetings last about 40 minutes. **Please click on the link below to sign up for a 40 minute slot for your child's KB Learning Conversation.**

[KB Learning Conversation](#)

I would also like you to please let me know how your child will be dismissed from school during our **first seven half days of school (August 29th-September 7th)**. Please click on the **Dismissal** link below.

[Dismissal](#)

Please see the attached link of Frequently Asked Questions.

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If you would like to donate any supplies to the classroom, please click on the link below. The K teachers have one request for all students and then one additional item based on the first letter of your last name.

[Classroom Donations](#)

I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with activity, imagination, and wonder.

Warmly,  
Caryn