

Hello, parents and guardians

My name is Melanie Branca (I go by Miss B at school), and I am ecstatic to have your child in my 5th-grade class this year!

This year will be my fourth year teaching!

I have dreamed of being a teacher since I was in the third grade. The time I have been teaching in the classroom may not compare to veteran teachers; however, my desire to be the absolute best for my students is unmatched. I am nowhere near perfect! I still have so much knowledge and experience to gain before being one of the greats, but I am highly educated and driven. I guarantee that your child will be in a classroom where they are safe, supported, encouraged, accepted, celebrated, respected, and loved. Your child will have a teacher who shows up every day with a burning passion for education, teaching, and building relationships with students with genuine care for their achievement and wellbeing.

This year, I hope we can communicate openly to support your child best and help them be their most successful self! I firmly believe that every day is a new chance and a new beginning. I also believe that letters and numbers do not define us (i.e., grades). I have high expectations of my students and expect nothing less than hard work and one's absolute best. However, I understand that may look different for everyone. Please never hesitate to let me know (at your disclosure) of anything inside or outside of school that may impact your student's learning and would be helpful for me to know.

I am beyond honored to continue my teaching journey at E.T. Hamilton, and I hope you know how big of an impact your child and this year will have on my teaching for years to come. Your involvement and support are invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for your role in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns about your student and this upcoming year, please do not hesitate to contact me! You can email me at branca@voorhees.k12.nj.us or call me at (856)767-4888 ext. 73128 Monday through Friday. I will use email to communicate with you and your student for updates throughout the school year.

Sincerely,
Melanie Branca