

SNO SPRINGS SCHOOL

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Dear SnoSprings Families,

I am excited to reconnect with SnoSprings! My relationship with SnoSprings began in 1998 when my daughter attended Mrs. D's first kindergarten class. Over the years, I have stayed in touch with the Drovettos and now look forward to becoming your child's 1st-2nd grade teacher in September.

My professional teaching career began in 1985. I attended Seattle University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Math and Science. I have been teaching in the Seattle Public School District (Kimball Elementary School) for 20+ years, grades 1 thru 5. Kimball Elementary features a multicultural, open-concept, team teaching environment. I have continued my education through numerous workshops on the Common Core Curriculum in math, literacy and science with the district and local universities. I am aware of the importance to differentiate my instruction through presentation, hands on materials and gathering student interest to create the best lessons to meet each child's learning style.

Leading Student Council for five years has taught me the significance of students having a voice in their education and school activities. The student council elected to initiate monthly spirit days and organized events like an annual Read-A-Thon and an end of the year book drive. I hope to provide my students with similar leadership opportunities at SnoSprings.

My family has lived in Issaquah since 1996 raising two children who attended Issaquah Public Schools. Our son graduated from the University of Washington and our daughter graduated from Washington State University. My husband recently retired from Boeing after a career as an aeronautical engineer. I am passionate about personalizing my teaching curriculum, designing projects for my students, gardening, crafting and taking long walks with our dog.

I have already begun planning and preparing materials for next year and look forward to sharing some of my ideas for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Tina Merdinyan