



September 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year!

I am looking forward to my second year teaching art at PS 39. I was a classroom teacher for 15 years, 10 of them at PS 39. I graduated from the H.S. of Art and Design, interned at the Metropolitan Museum and at Sonnabend Gallery and studied art at the NY Studio School and at the School of Visual Arts. Before becoming a teacher I was a photo editor at Time Inc. and at the New Yorker magazine. I continue to paint in my studio at home.

This year I am looking forward to deepening the children's growing skills. I hope to introduce a variety of materials that the children can incorporate in more choice-based multi-media projects this year.

My overarching goal is to help the children develop and sustain a love of making things. I hope for all of them to notice and take delight in the color, light, shadow, line and shape in the world. I want them to recognize the art all around them and to appreciate how it makes a difference. I hope I can instill in the children the lifelong pleasure of using their imagination and inventiveness, whatever they do.

I want to hear from you! If there is anything you would like to ask, to share with me about your own art background or your children's relationship with art, please let me know.

You can call school and leave a message for me, or reach me directly by email:

lbernstein@ps39.org

I do my best to respond promptly, however, I only check email during my prep or lunch periods and at the end of the day. I am unable to respond to email during class time.

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2:40-3:25 has been designated by the DOE as Parent Engagement Time. These 40 minutes have been set aside for face-to-face meetings, telephone conversations, and written correspondence (including email) with parents. Please take advantage of this time to communicate with me as needed across the school year. Although this specific time has been provided it is not the only time that I'm available to

meet or speak with parents. We'll be communicating regularly. School/family communication is important at PS 39!

My prep periods are:

Mon/Fr	i	8:50-9:40
Tuesday		1:50-2:40
Wednesday		9:40-10:30
Thursday		10:30-11:20

Please don't forget these important events:

Family Friday Sept. 7 all grades

Welcome Dinner Saturday, Sept. 15

Curriculum Night Thursday, Sept. 17

First PA meeting of the year Tuesday, Sept. 25

I look forward to seeing you!

Yours,

Lynn Bernstein