



Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year!

I am looking forward to my third year teaching art at PS 39. I was a classroom teacher for 16 years, 11 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 draw paint in my studio at home.

This year I am looking forward to deepening the children's growing skills. They will continue to develop independence choosing materials and interpreting assignments while learning new techniques.

My overarching goal is to help the children grow and sustain a love of working with their hands. I hope for all of them to notice and take delight in 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 the fun of applying their imagination and inventiveness in whatever they do.

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

You can call the 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/Fri	8:50-9:40
Tuesday	1:00-1:50
Wednesday	9:40-10:30
Thursday	1:50-2:40

I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours,
Lynn Bernstein