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Welcome New & Returning Mason Families!

My name is Maria Mendes. This is my 24th year of teaching at the Samuel W. Mason School, a place I call my home away from home. I honestly feel like I have grown up here! I am a proud mom of an 18 year old daughter. My daughter, Stephanya, just started her freshman year in college. You will be hearing a lot about her during this year. She too is looking forward to starting her education in pursuit of becoming an educator like her mom.

I started my teaching experience in September of 1997 right after I received my bachelor degree from Wheelock College. Then a decade later, I went back to Wheelock College to complete my master degree. I have taught and supported in multiple grade levels from Pre-K to Grade 2.

I will continue to work closely with grades PreK-2, as the Support Specialist. I will teach various subjects such as science, art and movement. I look forward to getting to know the scholars and their families. I strongly believe in working collaboratively with parents/families in order to best meet the needs of each individual student in front of me. My goal is not only to teach your scholars but to reassure them that they are unique and have so much to contribute to our lessons and the world.

Living in these uncertain times, teaching and learning will look different and may at times be challenging. However, while working together we will be able to help one another and bring some comfort to the scholars. I am very excited about this school year and I can honestly say that I am here to teach and support your students and families in order to make this a successful year for everyone. It takes a village to educate and assist every scholar within our school. I wholeheartedly look forward to embracing this experience! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout this school year.

Smiles,

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