

*Welcome to Our  
4th Grade Class!*



*Back to School Night 2020*

# About Miss Geletei

- I graduated from Monmouth University in 2018 with my BA in Elementary Education and English with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education
- I graduated from Monmouth University in 2020 with my MA in Educational Literacy
- This is my third year teaching at JMI!
- You are your child's first teacher, and I am excited to work with each of you to ensure your child's success in 4th grade!



# More About Me

- I love my dog, Abby, who is 11 years old
- I love my sister, Carly, who is in her third year of college at the University of Connecticut
- I love my supportive mom and dad
- I love the beach, coffee, Netflix and learning about new things!



# *Our Class Philosophy*

- All students should be able to learn and grow in a classroom environment that supports them academically and social emotionally.
- In our classroom, we value respect, kindness and integrity just as much as we value academics to help build a caring, welcoming and supportive classroom.
- We will continue to challenge one another and support one another as learners and individuals.

# *Our Class Philosophy Continued*

- We will strive to have a growth mindset and work on being the best versions of ourselves.
- We will practice patience, flexibility and digital citizenship as we navigate our new normal.
- We will work on developing independence, and we will not be afraid to ask questions or make mistakes, since this is how we learn and grow!

# General Information

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken by me every day during morning meeting (9:00-9:20). If your child does not attend morning meeting, they will be marked as absent. If your child has to leave early for whatever reason or is absent for the day, please email me and the main office so we can adjust their attendance in Genesis.

**Virtual Learning Expectations:** Children should be dressed for the day (no pajamas), breakfast already finished and at a designated remote learning work space with a fully charged chromebook at 9:00am every school day. There will be a morning message on Homebase google classroom for them to read, and they will join the google meet at 9:00am for morning meeting daily.

# General Information

**Remote Learning Schedule:** We will be following this remote learning schedule daily.

**Small Groups/Whole Groups:** Children are responsible for attending all virtual meetings. This includes small groups and whole group meetings and any special area classes/G&T, band etc. Children are responsible for knowing what time their meetings are and showing up on time! **When your child is not in a small group meeting or a whole group meeting, they will have activity slides to complete either for math, reading or the afternoon.**

Groups and small group meeting schedules are subject to change, but I will keep students and families informed via google classroom and/or email

# *Additional Information*

**Instead of a Day 1-5 Rotation, we will follow a Monday-Friday schedule.**

- Monday-** Spanish
- Tuesday-** Music
- Wednesday-** Gym
- Thursday-** Art
- Friday-** Gym

**Please make sure your child has a designated work space for virtual learning. I recommend printing out their schedules so they can stay organized.**

# Homework

- Homework can be assigned Monday-Thursday and not over holiday breaks.
- Homework will only be assigned as necessary.
- Homework is updated on my website daily as well as updates or announcements for subsequent days. Please be sure to check my website daily for these updates.
- **Your child is responsible for completing their homework assignments independently and turning them in on time. I will only accept assignments one day late for partial credit.**

# Chromebooks

- Now that we are remote, it is extremely important that your child cares for their chromebook.
  - Please make sure chromebooks are charged daily
  - Please make sure chromebooks are out of the way of spills or food
  - Please make sure chromebooks are on a solid surface and do not fall or get damaged
  - Please make sure chromebooks and chargers are not misplaced

It is expected that students are using chromebooks strictly for assignments or activities I have approved, not for leisure activities. Students should only use google hangout to chat with the teacher. Students should not create google meets or google hangouts with other students. Students should not email friends about non school related topics.

# Google Classroom

**Most of your child's assignments will be on Google Classroom this year.**

**Homebase:** Google Meet link, schedules, resources, morning messages, other logistical information and announcements

**Reading, Writing, Math, Science:** This is where they will find their assignments for different subject areas.

Please make sure that your child is only posting in google classrooms *to the streams* if it is appropriate or approved by the teacher. [Here is a parent's guide to Google Classroom.](#)

# Content Areas

**Math** - Monday-Friday

**Reading-** Monday-Friday

Social Studies (integrated with reading)

**Writing-** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Science-** Thursday and Friday

Health (alternating between science and health units)



# Math: Investigations

- We will be continuing using the Investigations program this year in 4th grade. Your child will complete SAB pages as they are assigned to them. **Please do not have your child go ahead and complete pages in the SAB book that are not assigned to them.**
- At the start of each unit there are family letters in the SAB books. I will post these family letters to my website for your convenience.
- Students have online access to the book and activities through Savvas Easy Bridge (they can access this through Classlink).

It is critical that your child fluently knows their multiplication facts up to 12 this year. 5 minutes a day is all it takes! I have links to websites for practice on my website and in math google classroom on my math manipulative shelf.

# Reading

- We will be using the Making Meaning: Becoming a Reader program this year. This program is focused on collaboration, discussion and shares many read alouds.
- It is important that your child is reading at least 30 minutes every day to develop reading stamina.
- I have created a digital library that is posted in reading google classroom with many different read alouds for your children to listen to at their leisure.
- **Social studies will be integrated into reading and alternate some units. Social studies will have a separate category in Genesis this year.**

# Writing

- We will be using the Making Meaning: Becoming a Writer program this year. This program goes hand in hand with the reading program and focuses on discussion, collaboration and the steps in the writing process.
- Writing will take place 3 days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Please make sure your child has a writing notebook to jot ideas down that may not make it to google drive or google classroom.

# Science/Health

- We will be working on science two days a week (Thursday and Friday)
- We will alternate units between health and science
- Students may be assigned activities to complete in their afternoon activity slides on science/health days
- Our first unit is focused on The Structure of the Earth in science.
- Our first unit is focused on Wellness in health.

# *Birthday Policy*

**We do celebrate birthdays at JMI!**

**While remote:** We will sing happy birthday to our birthday friends during morning meeting to recognize the child's special day!

**When we go back in person:** We will sing happy birthday to our birthday friends during morning meeting to recognize the child's special day! **Please do not send in any food or goodie bags.**

## *Stay Connected*

**My Website:** Updated regularly with homework, helpful links for families and students, contact information and announcements.

[Link here](#)

**Twitter:** Follow me [@MissGeletei](#) to stay connected with our class and to see what's new in education!

**Email:** I will always respond within 24 hours (excluding weekends). I value open communication. Please reach out with any questions or concerns! [gina.geletei@edison.k12.nj.us](mailto:gina.geletei@edison.k12.nj.us)

# Stay Connected (with each other)

## JMI Class Directory Contact List

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By completing my contact information below, I understand that my contact information will be shared **ONLY** to all the parents in my child's class. The class directory can be used to foster a relationship between other parents and children in the class. Completion of the directory is strictly **VOLUNTARY** and therefore, you can complete none, some or all the information in the class directory. **The Class Directory should ONLY be used for class related information (homework, class parties, field trips etc.), birthday parties and play dates.** Parents should not be contacted via the directory to address conflicts between children. Any parent communication related to the directory is **NOT** the responsibility of the teaching staff or administration. The directory's purpose is to enable positive communication between our families. Please print your name and information below clearly.

<u>Child</u>	<u>Parent Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email Address</u>

# *Please Know...*

All of this is new for me too! I know that many of you are overwhelmed or have concerns about remote learning, but we are all in this together. As we get started with our year, I may learn that some things work better one way than I originally planned, and you may learn the same with your children at home.

I will be sure to send out updates as I learn new information or as things change to ensure we are all on the same page. I know that together, all of your children will have a successful year!

# Thank You For...

- Your flexibility and support with this school year and our new normal
- Supporting your child at home as they embark on remote learning
  - Your awesome kids!
- Taking time out of your day to be here today!

Please know that I am always here to support you and your children! There are no silly questions or concerns. I will always respond within 24 hours to an email or I am available for phone meetings as well. You can reach me at [gina.geletei@edison.k12.nj.us](mailto:gina.geletei@edison.k12.nj.us)