## WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE IN MRS. M-G'S CLASS!

I am looking forward to having your family in my classroom this year! I grew up in SE Michigan and am a big fan of the Detroit Red Wings. I also love to ice skate, roller blade, play the violin, and golf. Mr. M-G and I have an adorable dog named Gustav. When you visit my classroom you might catch me listening to classical music or Motown. I originally went to school to be a music teacher, and then I worked with educational nonprofits and in early childhood research. I am entering my seventh year of classroom teaching and absolutely love it!

In our classroom, everyone is an important piece of our puzzle. Your child will bring their own special skills and I cannot wait to find out what they are. We will talk about respecting each other and working together because we only grow when we help everyone grow. By the end of the school year they will be a writer, reader, mathematician, scientist, and concerned citizen. I want the students to learn compassion, creative problem solving, and how to take initiative. It will not always be easy, but I will make sure your child has the tools they need to succeed and have fun along the way.

See you soon! Elizabeth Melton-Grace

