



September 15, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Ms. DaSilva and I am excited to introduce myself as the Music teacher. I received my student teaching experience in the Chicago Public Schools where I learned that a diverse and well-balanced curriculum is essential for the learning process. I have designed my classroom to be a comfortable and positive learning environment for your child/children to express their creativity freely.

I do not tolerate any form of disrespect that students may show towards each other or to me. Likewise, I will respect your child/children at all costs. I encourage all parents and students to keep an open channel of communication with me. I am more than happy to keep you updated with your child/children's performance in my classroom, so that you may be able to assist in the monitoring of your child/children's academic and artistic development.

The following supplies are needed:

- 2 sharpened pencils
- a spiral notebook
- a 2-pocket folder

My course will focus on using music as a tool to re-enforce what has been taught in all content areas. Exposing the students to music of other cultures will occur in my class as well. I also plan to include the integration of technology into the general music classroom, whereby students will be able to take music lessons and compose their own songs on computers. I am also forming a choir and would like to host many performance opportunities throughout the school year. So you see, we have lots in the works.

Again, I stress my excitement in teaching your child/children this year. I hope that the year is productive in every way and I will do everything in my power to make that happen. I am available to meet with parents every day after school. I can also make myself available before school if that is the only time you are able to meet. I am happy to discuss issues on the phone as well. For parents who use e-mail, I normally check my e-mail daily, and this is often the quickest and most efficient way to get in touch with me. I will respond promptly. Please feel free to e-mail me at any time, at [rkdasilva@cps.edu](mailto:rkdasilva@cps.edu).

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ms. Robin DaSilva  
Music Teacher