



Please note

- 1) There is a survey [LINKED HERE](#) that we kindly request responses to as soon as possible.
- 2) If your child has any dietary/special party treat needs, please send those items into the Resource Room during the first week of school.

After an eventful summer break, Miss. Frese and Miss. Nelson are equally excited to pick things up where we left off in the spring! This year the Special Education Resource Program staff will include Miss. Frese, Miss. Nelson, Ms. Lisa, Mrs. Schatz, Miss. Yashmi, and Ms. Jacqui. Together we will be providing services to your student(s) as they work to meet their individualized educational goals in Reading, Writing, Math, and/or Social Skills. With a combined total of 35+ years of experience working with the students of Mercer Island Schools, we feel confident that we will provide support to students that is driven by a determination to see each student succeed to their fullest potential!

We are all honored to be serving the learning community at Northwood! Over the years, we have watched students blossom as they learn new strategies for accessing their education. We believe in the power of a growth mindset and believe that failure is to be seen as an opportunity to learn. Students who qualify for Individualized Education Programs (“I.E.P.’s”) come in all states and types. We value each student’s unique attributes and learning styles and seek out opportunities to teach to each student’s interests. We also know that special education can seem overwhelming, and we try to support each parent as a cornerstone member of the student support team and ensure that you understand the special education process and rights to the greatest extent possible.

Establishing a positive, open line of communication with families is our team’s number one priority at the beginning of the school year. Please know that we encourage your emails and questions. We can be reached at [Taylor.Frese@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:Taylor.Frese@mercerislandschools.org) and [Brenna.Nelson@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:Brenna.Nelson@mercerislandschools.org)



Warmly,  
Miss Frese and Miss Nelson

