



HELLO

Welcome back to Northwood! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. I am **THRILLED** to be your Personalized Learning Program (PLP) teacher this year. I have been a teacher for 9 years and this will be my 5th year teaching in Mercer Island. I love being a **NORTHWOOD OWL** and I think you will too!

IN OUR CLASSROOM

You are **UNIQUE**. I am excited to watch you share your strengths with your peers and also find new strengths in yourself. You are going to learn a lot! Together we will work on academics, social skills, adaptive/life skills, gross motor and fine motor, teamwork and so much more. This year we will have many returning friends as well as some new friends. For our new friends, and in the spirit of getting to know each other a little bit better, here are a few of my favorite things:

FOOD: sushi

DRINK: kombucha and black coffee

SEASON: summer

SUBJECT: math

THINGS TO DO: exercise and explore new places

I LOVE: spending time with my husband and our silly dogs Enzo and Winnie

I look forward to learning all about your favorite things this year. Maybe you will even find some new favorite things while you are at school!

CONTACT ME

Establishing a positive, open line of communication with families is my number one priority at the beginning of the school year. Please know that I encourage your emails and questions. I can be reached at ninanierman@mercerislandschools.org. Following this welcome letter, you will find a parent survey. Kids change and grow so quickly over the Summer break. Filling out this survey will help me learn more about your how your child has grown, especially if your child will be new to PLP classroom. Thank you.

Warmly,
Nina Nierman (Mrs. Nina)

Parent Survey

Brag about your student! What are the things that they are good at? What are their strengths? What do they love to do?

Help me understand your student! What are the things with which they struggle? What are you concerned about regarding their success in class this year? What are the things that I can do to ensure that they advance?

What are the special interests, hobbies, skills, and characteristics of your child?

What should I know about your child that will help me better teach him/her? (Examples might include his/her strengths/areas of difficulty, interests).

Does your child have a household job? (If yes, what is it!) _____

Does your family have any fun traditions? _____

Please share any additional information that you feel might be helpful to me to better serve your child (Use the back of this page for room, if needed). _____

Below, **please let me know anything else** that you feel would be relevant to me serving your student in the best way possible.

I periodically send out group emails to help remind parents and guardians of important dates and events. Please indicate here your preferred email address:

(Write email here)