



# W. Reily Brown Elementary School

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Greeting W. Reily Brown Community,

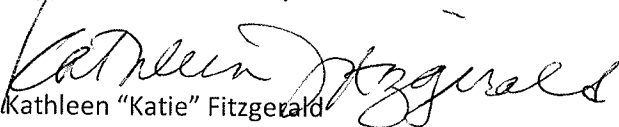
Welcome to school year 2023-24! My name is Katie Fitzgerald and I am very excited to introduce myself as your new Principal. My career started in the Milford School District in 2007 when I worked as a para professional. I was eager to contribute to the world of education and soon earned a Master's Degree in Special Education and thereafter my School Administrator Certification. I taught in Milford until 2016. Since then I have been an Associate Principal in Capital School District and a Principal in the Caesar Rodney School District for early intervention programs-5th grade. I LOVE school. I consider it a dream come true that I get to go to school every day of my life. Some of my school passions include: mentoring staff, restorative practices, service projects, creating community partnerships, crunching data, and reflecting on and improving learning through enhanced instruction. Personally I enjoy: spending time with my three adult children, being outside on a hike or at the beach, baking, landscaping and lifting weights!

This year we will be focusing on creating cohesive systems that maximize growth. In particular we will be refining: instructional blocks, Tier I universal supports, and our MTSS process (reviewing data to support individual student needs). I have recently read and purchased the book *PACKS: Strength in Numbers*, written by Hannah Salyer. First, it is beautifully illustrated and second, the book really spoke to me about how effective groups can be when they work together. I believe whether you are a student, family member, or staff member you have something to add to the W. Reily Brown learning community and I am eager to work together with you on our goals. If you would like to borrow the book please respond to this email and I will make the arrangements!

While I am a new face and name, I want to assure you that I am here to support you. Brown Elementary is, and will continue to be, a remarkable learning community. My goal is to support the staff and the students by strengthening our foundation. That will be accomplished through high expectations, consistency, and communication; and don't forget FUN!

I am looking forward to meeting staff during the upcoming weeks and our WRB student families on August 31. In the meantime, do not hesitate to reach out with questions or needs.

***Together we are better,***

  
Kathleen "Katie" Fitzgerald

Principal

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