

Dear Parents,

My name is Ms. Swee and I will be student teaching with Ms. Schmidt in Geometry this semester. I am currently a senior at Grand Valley State University. I am completing my degree in teaching, majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Biology. I plan on graduating this April.

I would like to share a little bit about myself. I could be described as relaxed and passionate. I like to go with these words because I am a very easy going person as I enjoy to read, write, and do puzzles, but there is another side of me that gets easily excited about the things I feel passionately about. This includes taking care of my many aquarium fish and other pets, playing video games, and most importantly teaching. My passion for education has taken me to many schools around the world.

Over the past three years, I have assisted teachers within multiple settings ranging from elementary to secondary education, as well as, across multiple subject areas (specifically within mathematics and the sciences). I have spent numerous hours tutoring struggling 9th grades at Hudsonville High School. The best experiences that I have had occurred while I was teaching in the classroom. I did my Senior Mathematics Capstone in Tanzania where I created my own lessons, units and test. All of which were taught and/or used within my Tanzanian classrooms. During this time, I taught two different groups of students and at two different schools, Arusha Meru International School and El Bouro. My month spent in Tanzania was both eye opening and inspiring. Back in the states, I spent one college semester teacher assisting at Sparta Middle School where I worked with 7th and 8th grade students, as well as, with students in an advance algebra course. During this time, I checked papers, worked with students, and created and taught lessons under the supervision of my coordinating teacher. These experiences have lead me to where I am today. It is those experiences that will assist me in the coming semester with my own teaching. Within the next few months, I plan on challenging our students to learn and

explore new concepts within mathematics to benefit them not only in future academics but also on the SAT and in their college preparatory classes. It is my hope that students will be engaged and confident in our class and encouraged by their own success. I am excited to continue the progress we have made last semester and I am eager to share this experience with your students as we learn from each other.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at jswee@cvs.k12.mi.us.

Sincerely,

Ms. Swee