

# Rodriguez Maternity Leave Update

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October 7, 2019

Hello A-3 Families!

I hope you all have gotten back into the school routine and are enjoying the year so far. When I began my maternity leave for this year, the District had not yet secured a long-term substitute for my classes. I appreciate your patience as they worked through that process. I'm happy to report that Ms. Barbara Tina Ebey has accepted the long-term assignment and has now been with my classes for 3 weeks. I am writing this note to provide an update and facilitate communication between my students, families, myself, and Ms. Ebey.

I will be returning to the classroom on November 25, 2019, and finishing out the year with my kids. Ms. Ebey will be in charge of instruction until then. I work closely with my colleagues on planning math and science lessons and Ms. Ebey has continued to do so in my absence. I have been communicating with the Yearbook staff and working closely with our representative from Jostens to make sure that students are covering events and that we will meet our first deadline on December 9.

For Math, Ms. Ebey will continue teaching the Ratios & Proportional Relationships Standards (7.RP. 1 through 7.RP.3) and introduce operations involving positive and negative integers (7.NS.1). I will pick up in the middle of the Number Systems unit at the end of November. For Science, Ms. Ebey will teach the Earth Science Unit (MS-ESS2-1 through MS-ESS2-3 and MS-ESS3-2) and then begin the Ecosystems Unit (MS-LS2-1 through MS-LS2-4) which I will complete when I return.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me ([lauren.rodriquez@sesd.org](mailto:lauren.rodriquez@sesd.org)), Ms. Ebey ([barbara.tina-ebey@sesd.org](mailto:barbara.tina-ebey@sesd.org)), or the Admin Team at SMS. I look forward to seeing all of my students again in November and continuing to partner with you in their education.

Sincerely,

*Lauren Rodriguez*