**Getting to Know Ms. Galang**

**September 2013**

Dear Families:

Welcome to the Galang Gang! If you would like to see our classroom from home, visit our class website at [www.galanggang.weebly.com](http://www.galanggang.weebly.com). On this website, our homepage will be like our classroom newsletter with an event calendar, as well as updates as to what we are learning at school. The website is designed for both parents and students. It is equipped with a Useful Websites page and a Helpful Videos page to assist with what we are learning at school and to extend your child’s learning. The contact Ms. Galang page on our classroom website will also be used as an additional communication tool. Feel free to contact me with any comments, questions, or concerns.

So, who is Ms. Galang? I am a Spartan with many hobbies. In addition to my love of teaching, I enjoy music, running, dancing, nature, traveling and much more. I just finished my student teaching in East Lansing Public Schools and am a graduate of Michigan State University. At MSU, I received my Bachelor of Arts in Education with a major in math and a minor in music. One of my biggest teaching goals is to teach somewhere new. I am thrilled to join the team of outstanding teachers in Brandon School District at Oakwood Elementary.

I had a fun hot summer relaxing and spending time with my family and friends. I went Up North with my Mom and Dad and visited my relatives in Hawaii. I got to spend a lot of time playing with my little cousins, too. The children will hear me share lots of stories about them throughout the school year.

Ten words that fuel my teaching include: inspire, creativity, enthusiasm, motivation, organization, memorability, passion, responsibility, growing, and love. In the classroom, I expect my students to always try, be curious, learn from their mistakes, and to be respectful. In return, expectations for me are to be engaging and fun, be fair and understanding, to learn from your children, and to reciprocate respect. All students deserve respect, a meaningful relationship with their teacher, support in both social and academic scenarios, and a memorable experience at school. I hope to build a great classroom community with your children where we can look forward to learning with each other every day.

The sky is the limit; I cannot wait to have your child share their imagination with myself and the class. We are going to have a great year in Kindergarten. I hope to help your child continue to love learning and to feel safe and happy at school. I am looking forward to watching your child grow to his or her full potential as a learner and child. My push will help students become willing to take appropriate risks academically and socially. In and out of the classroom, these children are the next generation of our world. I am excited to see where their noggins guide us!

Your Partner in Education,

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