I’m Mrs. Ely

Hi!



Music is an absolute passion of mine! I am so excited to work with your child this year. We will learn so much! We are going to read music, sing, research, perform, the list goes on and on. I can’t wait to see what the year has in store for us.

I thought you might like to get to know me a little better. I am married for 25 years now and have five children. Three of those kiddos are triplets. They are now twenty-one years old (two boys and a girl). I have two middle schoolers myself; a daughter in the eighth grade and a daughter in the sixth grade.

I have lived in Guilford County my whole life. I went to Southeast Guilford High School. My first teaching job was at Southeast Middle School! My little brother was in the 8th grade at the time. He decided not to take chorus…oh well! After five years of being in the middle school, I got promoted to High School. (Southeast High School, my alma mater) Then, to my surprise, my fourth child came along. I retired from fulltime teaching and taught orchestra part-time while my ‘babies’ grew older.

My most recent post was at Elon University. I enjoyed playing the piano for the music theater department and the choirs there for six years. I was also a part-time Professor of Applied Piano. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Elon but knew that full-time work is what my family needed at this stage in our lives. I have missed teaching for far too long…it was time to come back. I am thrilled that I am making my return to GCS with you at Northern Middle School.

My goal for your kids this year is simply to learn how to make glorious music. We will learn proper vocal techniques, posture, breathing for singing, note reading, rhythm reading, popular composers of yesterday, and more. Music is a very powerful tool. It can mend the breaking heart, calm the spirit, trigger the happiest of memories and….It is my goal to equip your students with the knowledge and skills in music to make their lives and this world a better place.

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Mrs. Carla Ely