## Welcome to Mrs.Titus's Class!

Hello Kutz Families,

Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year! My name is Lauren Titus and I am honored to be your child's special education teacher and case manager this year! I cannot wait to work collaboratively with you and your family this year. The start of the school year is just around the corner, and I am very excited to learn more about your child! I also wanted to take this opportunity to share a little bit about myself!

This will be my seventh year of teaching, and my third-year teaching at Kutz. Prior to teaching in Central Bucks, I taught in Pittsburgh as well as Chicago as a special education teacher for grades 4-8th. I am originally from Bucks County, and just built a new home with my husband here! I attended the University of Pittsburgh where I earned my Bachelor's in Applied Developmental Psychology and my Master's in Instruction and Learning. I am also currently pursuing my School Administration Certification at Delaware Valley University.

I have always had a passion for teaching and advocating for students. My teaching philosophy is grounded in making students feel safe, comfortable, and confident. My mission this year is to provide your child with a welcoming environment, where they feel comfortable to take risks in their learning and grow academically, as well as emotionally. I value working as a team to help your student thrive in all aspects of their lives! This year will be filled with many new and exciting experiences, and I am excited to go on this journey together!

Please know that I have already begun reviewing each student's IEP and educational programming to ensure they are getting the proper services. As a parent, you are a valuable part of the IEP team! I have created a short form to gather additional input about your student <u>(Click Here)</u>. Also, attached to this email you will find the general schedule for your child. I will be sure to make each student an individualized schedule that includes any services they may receive when that information is available.

I am looking forward to building a relationship with you and your child this year. I know it will be a great year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at <u>Ltitus@CBSD.org</u>.

Here is to an amazing school year!

Lauren Titus