



Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year, I am so excited to be your teacher! While this year may look different than years past, I want to reassure you I am here for every student and their families. We will work together to create a positive learning environment, whether online or in person and maintain our resiliency throughout the year! This year will be my 3rd year teaching, but only my second year at Butler. Last year I was in second grade and I also previously taught first grade in Virginia back in 2018. Even though this will only be year two, Butler has quickly become my home and I am so happy I'm able to continue learning and growing here!

I am originally from Massachusetts; I grew up in a small town just on the border of New Hampshire. However, Pennsylvania has always felt like my second home because my dad is from West Chester and we visited my grandparents multiple times each year. During one of our visits my dad took me to his alma mater, Penn State, and I instantly fell in love. While there I studied elementary and early childhood education, fulfilling a dream I had ever since I was six years old.

Inside my classroom I strive to create passionate, lifelong learners, who are eager to come to school every day. Together we will learn and build on our strengths and always remember to keep trying to be our best. As we explore topics like Weather or Energy, read exciting chapter books, or attend our virtual field trip to the American Revolution Center, our minds will always be expanding with knowledge!

As we approach this new year, I recognize that communication will be key in maintaining a strong home and school relationship. Our first week of school will follow a slightly different schedule to allow us to build our community and become familiar with our new technology. I have attached a guideline that we will follow and will review this on the first day. Student materials and finalized schedules will be distributed beginning the second week of school and will not be needed for the first week. Also, due to the ongoing construction happening at Butler, the entire fifth grade team will be teaching from home for the first four days until it is safe for us to entire our classrooms.

I am very excited to start the school year and can't wait to see all we are able to accomplish! On the first day of school students will click here **Teams Meeting** to begin the day at 9:05. Please practice logging into your device and district account prior to September 8th to ensure we are all prepared. Please use this [Link](#) for more information. I look forward to meeting families during our virtual Back to School Night! If you need to contact me before then, please email me at sbigler@cbsd.org. See you on September 8th!

Sincerely,
Miss Bigler