

August, 2022

Dear Sixth Grade Student,

You’ve arrived at your final year of elementary school and being a Linden Leopard! Welcome to sixth grade! I am so excited to be your teacher this year. I hope to help make your last year at Linden your favorite and most memorable. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your families. Sixth grade is an awesome year filled with growth and independence.

I have been teaching in Central Bucks for the past 16 years. Most of those years have been spent in 4th and 5th grades at Linden, and this will be my 3rd year in 6th grade. It is my favorite grade to teach by far! My heart is happiest connecting with and teaching older students, especially in reading and writing.

I hope that you are having a fun-filled and relaxing summer with your family and friends. I am soaking in the summer days and nights with my family…my husband, our 9-year-old son, Grant, and our new Bernedoodle puppy, Daulton. Our family loves to spend lots of time outdoors in the summer. The picture at the top of this page was taken on a trip to Acadia National Park, in Maine. Over time, we have a goal to travel to all the United States National Parks. At home, during the summer, we spend time with neighbors, family, and friends, swim in our pool (and for the Fanny Chapman swim team), and sit around the fire making s’mores and listening to music. I love to spend time learning to garden and often end up doing lots of projects on our house. We also spend time with family in Pittsburgh and spent a week at beautiful Lake Placid, in NY.

I’m looking forward to sharing more about myself with you when school starts. Please start thinking about what you would like to share with me, to help me get to know you! Really **knowing you** is so important to me as your teacher. I can’t wait to learn lots of details about what makes you so unique and special!

We are going to have a wonderful year together. We have so much to learn and discover. In science, we’ll be focusing on human body systems, Earth’s surface, and pollution. In social studies, we’ll be exploring ancient civilizations. As mathematicians, we’ll dive even deeper into how math is integrated into the world around us. You’ll be writing expressions and solving equations as we delve into 6th grade algebra concepts in the spring. And in reading and writing, we’ll be learning about the power of words, and how they can communicate important ideas and incredible stories. I love to read and write and am very interested in how words can create connections between us as humans, and help us understand the world around us. My summer book list was full of all kinds of books…fiction, parenting books, design and gardening books, cookbooks, teacher books, but also some of the amazing 6th grade stories that I’d love to share with you… *Maniac Magee, Tuck Everlasting, Anything But Typical.*

I cannot wait to meet you on the first day of school this year! For now, have a wonderful rest of your summer. Relax, laugh, enjoy a good book, get your fill of August corn, peaches, and ice cream, and most importantly, have fun with your family and friends! I am so excited for the new school year, and I hope you are too. I am honored to walk beside you as embark on your last elementary school year.

Your New Teacher,

Mrs. Lafferty

**Mrs. Lafferty’s Favorites**

Colors – Green and Blue

Season – Fall

Food – Tacos and anything REALLY spicy

Ice Cream Flavor – Chocolate Peanut butter Cup, Annie’s Water Ice Tangerine Gelato

Sport – Biking, Swimming, Hiking

Animal – Dog

Hobbies – Cooking, Decorating, Being Outside, Taking Pictures, Reading, and Gardening

Candy – Watermelon Jolly Ranchers, Swedish Fish, 100 Grand

Fruit – Toss up between Lemons, Peaches, and Red Raspberries

Movies – Sandlot, Hook, E.T., Princess Bride, pretty much any Disney movie

Author – Kate DiCamillo

Sports Teams – Phillies, Steelers, Penguins