

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is that time again to kick off an exciting school year. I wanted to take the time to welcome both new and returning students. My name is Mrs. Andrews and I am going to be your child's speech-language pathologist for the 2021-2022 school year. This is my 13th year working for The Central Bucks School District. I graduated from La Salle University in 2009 with my Masters in Speech –Language Pathology. I completed an Autism Certificate program in 2011 through La Salle University and obtained my Special Education Supervision Certification in 2016 from Delaware Valley University.

This school year I am providing all services in person. We will continue to utilize Microsoft Teams as needed to view and engage with digital materials. Invites will be set up and shared with each student via their school email address. *If your child is wearing a mask, I highly suggest finding a mask with a clear window for them to use only in the speech room.*

We will not be using a "speech folder" this school year, instead, digital resources will be shared via SeeSaw or email to reinforce skills taught during speech lessons. Additionally, my <u>teacher website</u> provides <u>monthly/thematic activities</u> to reinforce a variety of speech/language skills.

If your child is working to improve their speech, they should practice 5-10 minutes per day. Please listen to your child practice. It is often difficult for students who are learning to correct their sounds to discriminate between new vs. old speech patterns. Initially-listening for correct vs. incorrect sounds is crucial to success.

If your child is working to improve their language skills try to incorporate the goal of our classroom lesson into your routine activities (ex. chores at home, dinner conversations, playground, and shopping). Your role in speech and language development is valued and important! I am always free to give ideas to make our goals more "natural" and help them fit into your daily routine.

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail or phone, for suggestions. The more involved parents are in their child's speech and language program, the more successful that child will be in reaching his/her goals.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me:

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I look forward to working with you and your child by assisting them to reach their speechlanguage/communication goals. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and successful school year!

Thank you, Natalia Andrews M.S. CCC-SLP Titus Elementary School Mrs. Andrews Speech/Language Site