



Dear Fourth Grade Families,

**W**elcome to 4<sup>th</sup> grade! I am very excited to be your child's teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. A few things about me, I studied elementary education at Temple University, and received my Master's degree in Education from Holy Family University. This is my fourth-year teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade! Before that, I spent a lot of my time at Butler, beginning in 2014 as a student teacher, and then continuing as a long-term substitute. Besides teaching, I enjoy traveling, watching Philadelphia sports, spending time with my family and husband, Nate and our dog, Fletcher.

On the first day of school, we will meet on **Teams** at 9:05. **To access the virtual meeting for the first day, please follow the attached instructions. I highly recommend practicing this before the first day of school!** We will spend the first few days of school getting to know each other, playing games as a class, and taking a tour of our online tools. The first step is to know how to sign on to Teams, so please assist your child with this as best as possible. If you do try to login and have any trouble, technical difficulties, or questions, please utilize the **CBSD 1-to-1 tech website** (you can use the link in my email), and if you still have trouble, please reach out to me via email. I will try to troubleshoot the issue with you, and if I cannot solve it, I will get you connected with someone in CBSD who can!

Since your child is going to be learning from home, it is important to have a quiet space designated for schoolwork and the school day. I recommend that this is a place where students can sit upright, just as they would in the classroom. It is also important to have school supplies readily available in this space. In your child's learning space, please have supplies such as headphones, paper, pencils, crayons, sticky notes, scissors, dry erase markers, a dry erase board, and a water bottle. Students should have all textbooks and workbooks in their learning space as well. During lessons and activities, **students will need these supplies ready to go**, so it is important to have them easily accessible. Please remember, many of these materials will be coming home in the grab bags that you will pick up from Butler!

I am excited to meet your child on **September 8<sup>th</sup>**, for the first day of school. Just know, that although we are virtual, we are all a team. I am here to connect, support, and care for your child the same way I would in-person. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, [mzahustecher@cbsd.org](mailto:mzahustecher@cbsd.org). You can also contact the Butler office at **267-893-4250** for any additional questions.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Zahustecher (Mrs. Zay)  
...previously Miss Beveridge*