



Dear Students and Families,

We are writing this letter to introduce ourselves and to discuss the upcoming school year. Your child will have two teachers this year! Ms. Forline will be teaching Literacy and Social Studies, while Mrs. Taylor will be teaching Math and Science. We are very excited to be teaching your 4th graders, as we will have a fun, exciting, and fulfilling school year.

In the letter you will find information about our classrooms as well as a list of recommended supplies on the back of this letter.

Rules and Procedures

Poor behavior is not tolerated in our classrooms (whether in person or online) and excellent behavior is extremely important to maintaining a positive learning environment. A list of basic classroom rules is included on the back of this paper. Please read and review them with your child so you are familiar with the rules in our classroom.

Staying In Contact

Good home and school communication is one of the foundations of your child's success in school. We will be using Class Dojo in both classrooms to communicate with families, so stay on the lookout for an invite from your child's homeroom teacher! You can also contact us by email at cforline@philasd.org (Ms. Forline) and ltaylor2@philasd.org (Mrs. Taylor). If necessary, you can call the school as well at (215) 400-7980 and someone in the office will be able to leave me a message.

Additional 4th Grade Team members to stay connected with:

For students that receive Special Education services, **Mrs. Toscani** will be your 4th Grade Learning Support Teacher (LS). She is looking forward to building a relationship with you and your child this school year. Please feel free to reach out to her at any time with any questions or concerns. You can email her at jdeluca@philasd.org. She is looking forward to a great school year!

For students that receive English Language Development services, **Ms. Shoats** will be your ELD teacher. This is her 1st year teaching at Kirkbride, however she has been a teacher in the School District of Philadelphia since 2008. It is with pleasure that she welcomes your child to our community of learners. Please feel free to contact her with any questions and/or concerns. She can be reached at nshoats@philasd.org. She looks forward to a wonderful school year filled with an abundance of learning!

Asynchronous and Synchronous Learning

Asynchronous learning is when you are completing independent work. Asynchronous learning will take place daily and will be due by an assigned deadline. Synchronous learning is when you are participating in live instruction with your teacher. Synchronous learning will take place daily and you will receive your Zoom links with your schedule. All materials will be shared on Google Classroom

Arriving At School, Absences, and Emergencies

Arrival Time: Students will meet with your homeroom teacher each morning at 8:30AM in a Zoom Video Meeting. On-time arrival is extremely important to ensure that students are not missing important instructional time. Please have students arrive **at or before 8:30** using the appropriate Zoom link in the class schedule.

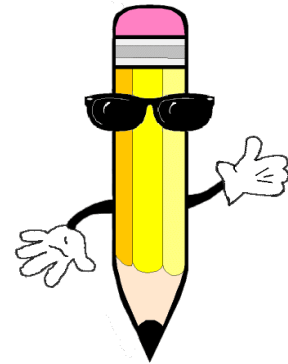
Absences/Emergencies During Remote Learning: If a situation arises that your child does not attend school due to an emergency or illness, please send a letter or a doctor's note.

We look forward to getting to know the students as well as meeting and collaborating with you throughout the school year.

Sincerely,
Ms. Forline & Mrs. Taylor

Recommended Remote Learning Supplies

- o 1 pack of high quality #2 pencils
- o Students are expected to have 2 sharpened pencils each day
- o 2 notebooks (Math/ELA)
- o 1 personal whiteboard
- o 1 pack of dry erase markers
- o Optional: dry erase board eraser



4th Grade Values

1. Always treat everyone with respect.
2. Work as a team.
3. Listen to others.
4. Be kind and helpful.
5. Be responsible.
6. Always try your best!

ONLINE expectations

Be prepared.

Join the Google Meet on time with the materials you need.



Be respectful.

Listen to the speaker. Be respectful of others in the Meet.




Be appropriate.

Use the chat for questions and comments only. Don't type silly comments. ?!

Be a learner.

Focus on the teacher. Participate during the lesson. Try your best!



Be in control.

Show control of your body while on video. Be calm if you need to ask for help.



Be patient.

We're all learning how to do online school! Be patient with others as we learn together.



Using the bathroom during Google Meets.

If you need to use the restroom. Turn your mic and camera off. Then, please go!

