

Greetings 4th Grade Parents & Guardians,

My name is Mr. Pole and it is my great pleasure to welcome your student to my Math and Science classroom this year. My goal is to equip the young people in my class with the skills they need to succeed in school as well as the world beyond these walls. I firmly believe that everyone has a right to a quality education and a safe learning environment. Whatever the children in my class choose to do, I know they will do it better with strong math and science skills. I am excited to work with you to ensure your student becomes the best version of themselves.

Here's what you can expect from me this year in the classroom:

- Guided math and science instruction with a strong focus on academic risk taking and a culture of error. Mistakes are an important part of learning!
- A safe, structured classroom environment.
- Communication and transparency via Class Dojo and Google Classroom.

As partners, I ask that you support these efforts by ensuring your student:

- Attends school daily, arrives on time by 8:45 AM, and wears our school uniform.
- Completes all homework and reading assignments. Homework will be given out at the beginning of each week and is **due every Friday**.
- Comes prepared for each class with two sharpened pencils, two composition books, and three folders. Keeps phones and electronic devices turned off and stored in their backpack until dismissal.
- Understands the importance of our Bethune BEAR Norms: Being safe, engaged, accountable, and respectful throughout the day.

I am committed to improving the lives of the children in this community, and with your support, I believe we can do that.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me on Class Dojo. I will keep you informed about school and classwide announcements, as well as your individual student's progress there.

If you cannot access Class Dojo, I can also be reached via email at wpole@philasd.org. Thank you so much for your support! I look forward to working with you this year.

Mr. Pole

2024-2025 Math and Science Supply List

- Backpack
- 3 composition notebooks (please no spiral notebooks for math/science)
- 3 folders
- 1 pack of 3x5 index cards (blank on one side/lined on other)
- Pencils (at least 20)

OPTIONAL items - Not at all required but some students enjoy having their own.

- Color pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Lysol wipes
- Snacks

If you cannot get supplies, please let me know and I can assist.

Grading, Assignments & Expectations

- **Classwork** - Assigned daily. Students must make up missed assignments due to absences and lateness.
- **Homework** - Assigned EVERY Monday and due Friday. Missing homework will result in a lunch detention to complete the assignment. Please reach out to me via Dojo with questions or concerns.
- **Quizzes** - Once a week in math and science.
- **Tests** - End of each unit / monthly.

Schedule

Please ensure that students arrive to school on time. We begin our first assignment during breakfast at 8:45 AM.

- Arrival - 8:45 AM
- Lunch - 12:25 - 1:10 PM
- Dismissal - 3:24 PM

Social Media Policy

TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and X (formerly Twitter) require users to be at least 13 years old. Social media of any kind cannot be used at any time during the school day on any device.