

# Welcome to Kindergarten

Summer of 2017

Shoesmith Elementary  
Mrs. Hobson  
Room 100

Hello Parents and Future Kindergarteners,

I am so excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. Teaching is an absolute passion of mine and I am looking forward to an amazing year full of fun, learning, and new experiences. I wanted to start off by letting you know a little about myself.

This will be my eighth year of teaching, seven of those years have been here at Shoesmith. I am really enjoying every minute teaching our youth and delighted to see how much they progress and grow from grade to grade. I am a graduate of Howard University where I received a bachelor's degree in finance. I made a career change early on and obtained a master's degree in elementary education from Quincy University and a master's in school leadership from Concordia University.

When I am not grading papers or planning lessons, I am home spending time with my husband Chris and children, CJ who is 3 years old and Cameron who is 1 year old, and expecting our third child this summer. They keep me pretty busy! I also love to try out new recipes from time to time.

Kindergarten is such a special year for you and your child and I feel fortunate to be a part of it. I believe that education is a very critical part of success. Along with that, I believe that all children can learn and succeed. With the right support and tools, I plan to help our students not only master this year's content, but be prepared for next year as well. In order for this to happen, I encourage you to partner with me and to be involved in your child's educational journey. Parents are a child's first teacher and if we work together, it will help your child succeed in school and in life.

This first week of school I will be handing out lots of information to prepare for the year ahead and a warm welcome to an exciting year. I am looking forward to an enjoyable learning experience and I hope that you and your child are as well.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, please email me, Ashley Hobson, at [alhobson@cps.edu](mailto:alhobson@cps.edu). I will be sure to get back to you as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours. You can also call the school at (773) 535-1764. During the school year, you can also leave a note for me of the left side of your child's yellow communication folder that will travel to and from school every day.

Please take a look at all of the information that will be attached to this letter to help prepare your child for kindergarten in the fall. Don't forget to check the website for updates and posted materials at <http://shoesmith.cps.edu/>. Again, I am excited and looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

*Ashley Hobson*

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