

Dear Scholars and Families,

Welcome to an exciting year in fourth grade! My name is Ms. Lane, and it is my privilege to begin my ninth year of teaching in CPS, and third year at Shoemith School. I began my career student teaching at Shoemith, and found my way back to The Hive after working at Pershing Magnet School in Bronzeville for six years. I enjoy teaching intermediate grades because it is the time when children begin to establish their own identity, foster independence, and grow into young adults. Being a part of their lives at such a crucial time is a privilege.

I am excited to meet and get to know each family, so please stop by and introduce yourself if we have not already met. Communication is key to any strong relationship; therefore, you will receive many updates from me throughout the year, and I encourage you to reach out for any reason! Please download the ClassDojo app on your phone. There are many useful features that will keep us in close contact and, hopefully, keep you feeling connected and informed. I look forward to working together to enable our scholars to achieve nothing less than greatness.

Furthermore, our classroom welcomes volunteers! When working together as a team we will provide the best education possible for our scholars. The more caring hearts and helping hands, the better the school experience for our children. If you are interested, please let me know your availability, and I can offer opportunities that fit your schedule. Your involvement is vital to your child's success!

We can't wait to start the 2018-2019 school year so we can work together to foster critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and future leaders.

Yours in education,

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