5th Grade
Meet the Teacher
Get to Know Us
Hello!

I am Mrs. Cruz

I will be your science teacher this year. I have taught at Lovett for 15 years. I am married and have 2 children, Macey (24) and Hunter (21) who both went to Lovett. I am a huge Astros fan, I love to travel, read and spend time with family and friends.
Hello!

I am Ms. Cyr

I love animals, food, and art. I am a native Houstonian and recently earned my Masters in Education. I am excited to be teaching fifth grade ELA and Social Studies at Lovett and look forward to exploring online learning!
Hello!

I am Mr. Locander.

I will be teaching Math this year. I was born and raised in Houston. I am married with 2 children, Hayes and Whitney. This is my 9th year of teaching at Lovett. I enjoy sports and spending time with my family.
Hello!

I am Mrs. Williams

I’m originally from New Orleans, LA, and I have lived in Houston for the past 27 years. I am happily married with two children. I like the Texans, but I am a die hard Saints fan. This is my fourteenth year in education, 12th year as a fifth grade Reading/Language Arts teacher. And 1st year as a virtual teacher.
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<td>11:00 to 12:30</td>
<td>Sped Time for identified students, intervention time, time to work on Imagine Math/Literacy and/or assignments</td>
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Meet Our Learning Support Team

Ms. Yother
I have been teaching 10 years, and this is my 5th year at Lovett. I love animals. I have 2 dogs, 2 chickens, a guinea pig and a turtle. My birthday is on Leap Year so I’m really only 8 years old!
JYother1@houstonisd.org

Ms. King
This is my 11th year in Learning Support. I have 3 loud & crazy young boys and 2 dogs. I love reading, lifting weights, kicking a soccer ball around, and watching movies,
Alexandra.King@houstonisd.org

Ms. Casell
This my first year at Lovett and I have been a teacher in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Austin. I am originally from San Antonio and am a big fan of the San Antonio Spurs. Before I was a teacher, I acted on stage in New York.
Faye.Casell@houstonisd.org
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| **Ms. V**<br>I have a son in the 5th grade at Lovett.  
I enjoy cooking, makeup, and decorating.  
I love drawing characters for my students.  
My name is Ms. Vavasseur, but I am known here as “Ms. V”.  
Lauren.Vavasseur@houstonisd.org |
| **Ms. Adams**<br>I love going to concerts and spending time outdoors.  
I love all things related to arts and crafts.  
My favorite thing to do on the weekends is spend time with family and friends. |
| **Ms. King**<br>I love the outdoors: water skiing, hiking and making a snowman.  
In high school, I was on swim team.  
I love board games and card games!  
Rachel.King2@houstonisd.org |
Welcome to Lovett,

Even though we aren’t in school, I am still here to assist you with all your health care needs. I have just a few reminders for everyone.

1. **BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST FOR FOOD ALLERGY AND HEALTH INVENTORY** This form gives me lots of important health information about your child.

2. **ALL IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE UP TO DATE AND CURRENT** All students registered at Lovett are required to have compliant immunizations, even when virtual.

3. **IF YOUR CHILD HAS A CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION PLEASE CONTACT ME** Food Allergies, Asthma, Diabetes, Seizures, etc. I have special forms for you to complete.

4. **IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO NEED ANY MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT ME** Need to get physician orders now, so medications can be at school when we are back in the classroom.
CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

SUIKI SCHAFFER BOARDMAN, R.N., M.S.

LOVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE

EMAIL: sschaffe@houstonisd.org

PHONE: 713-295-5258

I will be at Lovett daily, even during this virtual time

Look forward to seeing you in person, soon
Join the Lovett PTO

Christi Megow, PTO President

Go to lovettpto.org to join the PTO today!
First 6 weeks Studies

What students will be learning during our 6 weeks of online instruction
Math

- Whole Numbers and Decimal Place Value
- Whole Number and Decimal Addition & Subtraction
- Fraction Addition and Subtraction
- Addition and Subtraction of Positive and Rational Numbers
- Prime and Composite Numbers
Science

- Setting up for Science
- Force and Motion
- Matter
  - Matter & Change
  - Magnetism
  - Relative Density
  - Mixtures and Solutions
  - Physical Properties of Matter
  - Insulators
  - Classifying Multiple Properties of Matter
  - Process Skills
## Reading

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Language Arts

✘ Writing:
  ✔ Personal Narrative
  ✔ Explanatory Writing

✘ Grammar:
  ✔ Complete Sentences
  ✔ Compound Sentences
  ✔ Irregular Past Tense Verbs
  ✔ Comparative and Superlative Adjectives
  ✔ Conjunctive Adverbs
  ✔ Indefinite Pronouns

✘ Spelling
Social Studies

- Celebrating Freedom
- Regions of the US
- America’s British Roots:
  - Jamestown & Plymouth
  - Regions in the Colonies
School Supplies

✘ If you pre-ordered school supplies, the pick up is scheduled for tomorrow (9/4) from 8:30-11:00

✘ You can still purchase supply packs from the PTO, but they won’t be ready for pickup tomorrow

✘ All students need to come and pick up a bag of resources
Fine Arts
### Art

- Students will be learning about the Elements of Art throughout the school year.
- Additionally, students will explore famous artists and various art careers.
- I am asking students to keep a digital portfolio on the Hub. This is especially important for fifth grade students. More information will be forthcoming.
- Please make sure to read the information in the Fine Arts Newsletter that was recently sent. There is information about creating an Art kit for your child. Supplies will not be shared due to Covid-19.
- Contact: pamma.mock@houstonisd.org

### PE

- Health and Physical Education classes will be twice a week.
- Check your surroundings and have enough space for movement. Please wear proper clothing and sneakers to make moving easier.
- Participate at your own skill level.
- Please contact any of the PE teachers with questions: aruiz6@houstonisd.org or mflory@houstonisd.org
**Music**

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<th>Band: Mr. Ali Jackson</th>
<th>2nd-5th grades: automatic rollover from last year’s music selection. If you want to make a change, you must notify the previous teacher by Friday, September 4th.</th>
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<td><a href="mailto:ali.jackson@houstonisd.org">ali.jackson@houstonisd.org</a></td>
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<td>Strings: Mr. Stephen Cobb</td>
<td>1st grade and new-to-Lovett students: please make your choice by Tuesday, Sept 8th by emailing the corresponding teacher.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:scobb@houstonisd.org">scobb@houstonisd.org</a></td>
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<td>Classroom Music: Mrs. Katherine Martin</td>
<td>Please contact any of the music teachers with questions. You may also reference the Fine Arts newsletter within Mrs. Thompson’s newsletter last week.</td>
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Grading

- Students will receive 2 grades per week in each subject area
- Grades will be posted on HISD Parent Connect
Attendance will be taken twice per day; 10:00 and 2:30 p.m. Students who have not logged in by 2:30 p.m. will be marked absent.

This absence can be resolved if the student engages in daily learning assigned by their teachers via the HUB by 11:59 p.m. that same day.

Parents and students will receive absence notifications via School Messenger after 6:00 p.m.
Please join your homeroom teacher’s Remind group by texting their code to 81010

- **Mrs. Cruz**
  - Send a text to 81010
  - Text this message @d8kkfeb

- **Ms. Cyr**
  - Send a text to 81010
  - Text this message @kimcyr

- **Mr. Locander**
  - Send a text to 81010
  - Text this message @mrlocan

- **Mrs. Williams**
  - Send a text to 81010
  - Text this message @adf8fe
Student Behavior Expectations

**SHOW UP FOR YOURSELF**
Be present. Be open to learning new things. Take ownership of your learning.

**MUTE**
Unmute yourself when speaking. Keep yourself on mute while your peers and teachers are talking.

**Hi**

**STAY ENGAGED**
Eliminate any distractions that will take away from our time together.

**KNOW YOUR OWN BODY**

**CHECK THE HUB**

**COMUNICATE**
Reach out to your teacher if you can’t make a deadline or complete an assignment. We are here for you!

**PLAYER**

**ASK FOR HELP!**
Teacher, help me please

**DIGITAL CITIZEN**
Keep the chat box on topic. Be safe online. Respect your peers and their experiences.

**TRY HARD**
Parents are expected to help reinforce behavior expectations with their child.

Students are expected to follow our behavior expectations.

Teachers will communicate with parents when students are not following behavior expectations.

Behavior is a team effort while learning online.
Conferences

All conferences during online instruction will take place on Microsoft Teams.

We are available to meet Monday, and Wednesday-Friday from 8:05-8:40.
Lovett’s Learning Management Systems

Learning is acquiring new or modifying and reinforcing existing knowledge, behaviors, skills, values, or preferences. Thus, whether online or on campus, the following learning management systems are unique and consistently used at Lovett Elementary throughout the school year. Remember, EXCELLENCE is what we do!

**Microsoft Teams**
- Attend live class meetings
- Communicate live with teachers
- Small group intervention sessions
- Participate in Teams meetings and Teams live school events

**HISD Connect**
- Access student grades and attendance

**Remind**
- Homeroom teacher communication

**Digital Resources**
- Access digital textbook resources
  - Science Fusion
  - GoMath
  - Studies Weekly
  - Imagine Language & Literacy
  - Imagine Math
  - Renaissance
  - MyOn
  - Renzulli Learning
  - Flocabulary
  - Brain Pop

**HUB**
- Access and turn in class assignments
- Access recorded live lessons
- Access instructional content & resources
  - Google Drive links
  - Pear Deck links
- Access Digital Resources

**Virtual/Bitmoji Classrooms**
- Access teacher-specific resources
- Community building
Online Instruction

**Live Whole Group**
Teachers will hold daily mini-lessons for all students, all whole group lessons will be recorded for students that are not able to participate in the live lesson.

*Recorded lessons may take up to 3 hours to post*

**Live Small Group**
All students will participate in small group instruction, a schedule will be provided by teachers for meeting times and days. Small Group lessons will not be recorded.

Students may not have small group instruction everyday.

**Independent Practice**
After participating in live lesson (on Microsoft Teams) or viewing the recorded lesson, students will work on independent practice on the HUB.
Teacher Absences

- When a teacher needs to be absent, students will be split up among the other 3 classes
- Parents will receive an email or Remind notification that their teacher will be out and which class their child will be joining
Imagine Literacy & Imagine Math

- All students are required to complete 60 minutes per week of both Imagine Literacy and Imagine Math.
- There is time built into students days to work on Imagine Literacy and Imagine Math
- Students can break up the time, they do not need to complete 60 minutes all at once.
# Beginning of Year Assessments

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<td>Teachers will conduct one on one meetings with all students to complete Running Records, these help teachers determine the reading rate, fluency, and comprehension.</td>
<td>Mr. Locander will be conducting quick math checks with students to help determine numeracy and problem solving skills.</td>
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### Scheduling for Small Group and Assessments

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<td>Teachers will provide a schedule for students including times and days of meetings. Science will have investigations or experiments in lieu of small groups.</td>
<td>Math and Reading teachers will send parents a link to sign up to schedule one on one assessments for all students.</td>
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We are looking forward to an exceptional year together!
QUESTIONS
We will now transition to homeroom meetings, please log in to Microsoft Teams with your 5th grader’s student’s username and password, go to Calendar and click Join on the meeting for your child’s homeroom.