

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year! I am excited and honored to partner with you and your children this year at Edward Gideon Elementary School. Whether it's a continuation of our journey together or the beginning of a new adventure, our goal is to see our students reach their highest potential!

Allow me to introduce myself...my name is Mrs. Valsa Jacob. I taught your children for a few months last year. I am excited to be entering my 28th year in the School District of Philadelphia. I am delighted to welcome you and your child to the 6<sup>th</sup> ELA/ Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies classes!

Our ELA classes will be interactive and dynamic, utilizing a new curriculum where students will read novels, engage in discussions, write reflections, and conduct research. Our math classes are also very interactive - students are taught to problem solve, think deeply, and engage in mathematical conversations with their peers. In Science, we will engage in hands-on, project-based learning to expand our understanding of new science concepts. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and can't wait to collaborate with you and your child.

I am excited to be back in the classroom! My primary objective is to support your child(ren)'s growth across all subject areas. However, I cannot achieve these goals without your involvement. You play a vital role in your child(ren)'s education, and I look forward to working closely with you throughout this year.

Let's make this school year incredible together!

Mrs. Valsa Jacob

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1 backpack</li><li>● 4 Plastic 2-Pocket Folders</li><li>●</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">(4 Composition Notebooks (1for Literacy, 1for Math, 1for Science, 1 for Social Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1 Pair Headphones(wired) For daily class work</li><li>● 1 Pencil Pouch (3-ring zipper recommended)</li><li>● 1 Personal Manual Pencil Sharpener</li><li>● Pencils (2 pks)</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>In Backpack at All Times</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wired Headphones</li><li>● Pencil pouch with daily supplies (pencils, sharpener, pens, colored pencils, highlighters)</li></ul>
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- Expo markers (for white boards)
- Colored Pencils (8 or 12 count)
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- Highlighters

4 pks of sticky notes 1 Box of tissue