

## ABOUT CARA

Cara is a passionate educator that cares deeply about the academic and personal success of all her students. Cara knew she wanted to be a teacher from a very young age by volunteering in mentor programs, tutoring opportunities and being a camp counselor over the summers. Cara graduated from **Syracuse University's Inclusive Elementary and Special Education** program where she received Dean's List honors multiple semesters. Additionally, she participated in a Peer-to-Peer mentoring program for students with disabilities throughout her four years at Syracuse.

Cara then went on to study within the **Masters in Educational Studies** program at **Johns Hopkins University**. While remotely studying at Johns Hopkins, Cara worked in an elementary school in West Harlem in a 3rd grade ICT classroom as the special education teacher for two years. She then went on to become a 5th grade general education teacher at the same school. Cara is now a 5th grade teacher at PS 158, a public elementary school on the Upper East Side.

Throughout her career, Cara has been tutoring individual students as well as small groups ranging from grades 2 to 6 in both Math and ELA. Cara has tutored students in foundational math skills as well as more complex concepts as they move up in grades. She has also tutored in reading fluency skills as well as comprehension strategies.

### degrees & certifications:

- Bachelor of Science in Inclusive Elementary & Special Education, Syracuse University
- Masters in Educational Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- New York State Certification, Childhood Education, Grades 1-6
- New York State Certification, Students with Disabilities, Grades 1-6

### specialty training:

- Using Games to Make Math Fun!, NYC DOE
- Creating Meaningful Math Engagement, NYC DOE
- Foundations of Early Literacy: Alphabetics, NYC DOE