

Welcome to 4th Grade!

2022-2023

Rooms 213 and 218

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We, Mr. Brown and Ms. Rickards, will be your child's teachers for fourth grade. Between the two of us, we have over 30 years of teaching experience in various grade levels in the School District of Philadelphia. Your child will engage in many new and exciting things this year in fourth grade. We will continue to utilize the sensational Wonders Literacy program and Math Expressions to implement the rigorous common core standards. Our mission is to provide high-quality effective instruction so that your child can grow academically and socially, acquiring the skills necessary to move up to fifth grade. We both have high expectations for ourselves as teachers and for the students in our classrooms. We promise to work hard for your child, but cannot do this job alone. We need the support and involvement of parents and families in order to ensure the maximum achievement of our children.

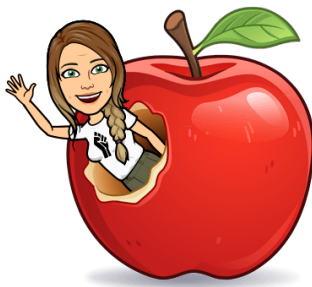
The following pages should be considered a "handbook" for the school year. Please take some time to go over these policies and procedures (more information will be given at Back-to-School Night). We are very excited to start the year and look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rickards : Room 213 (math & science) & Mr. Brown: Room 218 (literacy & social studies)

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Assessments

All tests, quizzes, and other graded assignments will be sent home periodically in a designated folder. Each item in the folder should be signed by a parent and returned to me the following school day.

Attendance

A written or emailed excuse note is expected after a student is absent. Homework will be due upon return.

Ms. Rickards - magnetic folders holding classwork, tasks and homework folders will be accessible on the front board. Students who are absent are responsible for getting materials they missed upon their return.

School Supplies:

Please find a copy of the supply list on the McCall Website and below. We are kindly requesting that your child have his/her supplies when we return to school.

Uniforms:

Students need to wear the appropriate McCall School uniform everyday. Tops are solid white and bottoms are solid blue. **Blue jeans are not allowed.** In the colder months, a solid blue or white sweater is preferred. Students will be sent to the main office and you will be contacted if your child is not in an appropriate uniform.

Schedule:

We will pick the students up from the schoolyard at 8:55 A.M. We request that students bring **water in a non-disposable water bottle** to sustain themselves throughout the morning. Students will be dismissed at 3:39 PM from the doors on the 7th Street side of the building.

Homework:

Homework is a time to practice and expand on skills learned in school. It will be assigned every other night for math and once a week for science. We strongly encourage you to check your child's homework as it is a part of their grade. If there are any questions or difficulties in completing an assignment, please email me or send in a note so that we can sit with your child to clarify. You will be emailed or called if your child misses homework regularly. Lastly, check your child's **Take Home Folder** each night for important letters and school updates.

Behavior and Work Expectations

Room 213 Expectations

1. Raise your hand for permission to share out ideas, questions or comments
2. Respect others' personal learning space.
3. Listen to the speaker and follow directions.
4. Be honest.
5. One student out of their desk at a time.
7. Be a responsible learner.

Consequences

First Warning: Verbal Warning

Second Warning: Loss of Privileges

Third Warning: Parent Contact

Box Tops



McCall Home and School Association collects Box Tops for Education to raise money for our school. All the classes at McCall participate in a competition to see who can collect the most box tops. Please support McCall by collecting box tops at home and consider asking friends and relatives to participate as well.

Classwork

Classwork that is not completed at school will be assigned to be finished at home. This includes work that is missed during instrumental lessons, MG, or other activities that cause a student to miss class time.

Contact Ms. Rickards

The easiest way to contact me is via class dojo or my email at jrickards@philasd.org. I will do my best to respond to emails within 24 hours. I am unable to respond during the school day due to the demands of the classroom. You may also call the McCall office at and leave a message.

Contact Mr. Brown

The easiest way to contact me is via class dojo or my email at davbrown@philasd.org. I will do my best to respond to emails within 24 hours. I am unable to respond during the school day due to the demands of the classroom. You may also call the McCall office at and leave a message.

Medications

If your child has any medications that need to be administered during school hours, please send them to Nurse Benjamin to be kept in her office.

Wish List

An amazon.com wish lists have been created for this classroom with additional school supplies and activities that would be great to have for the school year. This list is titled "McCall Elementary - _____ Class Wish List." A link will also be found on www.meetingmccall.com.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

McCall Elementary
Grade 4 Supply List 2021-2022
Rooms 213/218

For the individual student:

- *Pencils- check to replace periodically
- *Green/ Purple/ or Blue pen
- *(10) Expo **fine tip** dry erase markers (low odor)
- *clean sock for wiping white boards
- *(3) Different colored highlighters
- *Handheld pencil sharpener with cover
- *(1) soft pencil pouch (No boxes, please. We need to conserve space!)
- *(8) folders (Please don't label. We will label them in class together.)
- *(5) marble composition books (Please don't label. We will label them in class together.)
- *(1) three-pack of post it notes (any color)
- *headphones. They can be cheap! These allow students to work on the computers without disturbing other students. We suggest a container to keep them secure.
- *1 pack of 3 by 5 index cards
- *box of crayons or colored pencils
- *glue stick
- *12in ruler
- *school bag
- *\$5 Time For Kids subscription
- *refillable water bottle to be kept on desk (No plastic water bottles are permitted.)

For the class:

- *2 boxes of tissues
- *1 roll of paper towels
- *2 containers of clorox wipes
- *3 reams of paper

- *铅笔 - 需要检查定期更换
- *绿色/紫色/或蓝色笔
- *(8种) Expo品牌的细鼻头可干擦的标记笔 (低气味)
- *(3种) 不同颜色的荧光笔
- *带盖的手持式削笔刨刀
- * 1个软铅笔袋 (请不要盒子.....需要节省空间!)
- * 8个文件夹
- * 5本大理石封面的写作本
- * 1个三个包装的张贴 (任何颜色)
- * 1包3乘5的索引卡
- * 2盒纸巾
- * 2卷纸巾
- * 2盒湿巾擦巾
- * 3包打印纸
- *每日健康零食(水果, 蔬菜, 椒盐卷饼等 - 不要带糖果或薯条)
- *用于擦拭白板的干净袜子
- *可重复灌装并可放在桌上的水瓶(不允许使用塑料瓶水)
- *耳机。它们可以是很便宜的! 这些让学生在计算机上工作而不会打扰其他学生。我们建议使用容器来保证它们的安全。
- *一盒蜡笔或彩色铅笔
- *胶棒
- *书包
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