

Ms. Russell's Summer Assignment and Supplies 5th Grade 2022/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year at McCall School! My name is Audrey Russell, and I will be your child's fifth-grade teacher this year. I am delighted to be a part of the McCall Elementary family, and I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning, sharing, and growth. I expect all students to perform well academically, follow school rules, and participate in activities. I will challenge your child to work hard and nurture him/her along the way.

Fifth grade is an exciting grade, but it can be challenging. I will be here to help you. Your child can expect to receive between twenty minutes to half an hour of homework in each academic subject. Therefore, it is essential that your child completes the assigned homework and comes to class prepared to be a successful student.

Because you are an integral part of your child's education, I believe home-school communication is very important. I am looking forward to working with you and your child. Feel free to contact me anytime. I expect the best effort in everything your child does and the utmost respect for his/her classmates and teachers.

I am so excited about the opportunity to teach your child. Webster defines learning as "gaining knowledge or understanding by study, instruction, or experience; to come to be able." With that being said, I am looking forward to the adventure!

Sincerely,

Audrey Russell
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Dear Fourth Grade Students and Parents,

Congratulations on completing fourth grade! Below you will find both the **supply list** for September as well as a **reading assignment**. The supply list is as follows:

For in School:

- An Agenda or use Google calendar to keep track of assignments and important deadlines
- Pencils – check to replace periodically
- **Four** hardbound black and white notebooks, loose-leaf paper: *Labeled: Reader’s Workshop, Writing Workshop, Guided Reading, and Social Studies*
- highlighters (Green, Pink, Yellow)
- **One** pack of colored pencils
- Pencil Sharpener with cover
- Dry erase markers - eight pack; to be replaced regularly
- Bookbag
- Pencil case
- one boxes of tissues (for homeroom only)
- One roll of paper towels (for homeroom only)
- Two **large** containers of disinfecting wipes (not baby wipes)
- Non-disposable water bottle
- 4 packs of sticky notes for Reading Workshop- check to replace periodically
- 2-4 Sharpie Markers (one must be black)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer to be replaced regularly
- 2 large zip lock bags (gallon size)
- One pack of copy paper (500 sheets)
- **Novels:** Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech, George's Secret Key to the Universe by Stephen and Lucy Hawking, and Front Desk by Kelly Yang

To be kept at home:

- Scissors
- Extra pencils
- Colored pencils
- Markers

Please bring **all** of your supplies as well as the Summer Assignment on the first day of school. Please see the reverse side for Summer Assignment instructions.

Summer Assignment:

You are required to read the following book:

- *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman **Lexile Level:740L**
Reading Level: Middle Grades, ages 10-12

Use full sentences to complete the questions in the take home packet. This will be your first assessment in ELA for 5th grade!

1. When you have completed the book, please write two complete sentences explaining what happens at the beginning of the book, two complete sentences explaining what happens in the **middle** of the book, and two complete sentences about the **end** of the book without giving the ending away. Remember to use transitions such as: First, Next, Then, Nonetheless, Therefore, etc.
2. Then, **either** draw a detailed picture of your favorite scene in the book **or** write a detailed paragraph with at least five sentences about your favorite scene. If you choose to draw a clear picture, make sure it is Accurate, BIG, and Colorful and Detailed, (ABCD).
3. Write two **open-ended** questions about the book that someone else who has read it would be able to answer. An open-ended question cannot be answered with a simple one-word response; instead, it requires a detailed explanation.

I am so excited to meet you and begin our 5th-grade journey together! If you have any questions, you can email me over the summer at arussell@philasd.org

Have a healthy, safe summer, and enjoy reading!
Ms. Russell