

Welcome to Kindergarten: Room 102

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Henry Battestelli and I am excited to be your child's Kindergarten teacher this year.

Kindergarten is a special step in a child's academic career. This year will be full of fun and engaging academic and social experiences designed to help your child reach his/her fullest potential. Together we can achieve that potential.

I believe that communication is the key to a great parent-teacher relationship. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns at any time. You can email me at habattestelli@philasd.org.

I am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year with you and your child! Thank you in advance for your cooperation and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Battestelli

Staying Connected

All students will be linked to Google Classroom. They will also have their very own, district issued email address. Their email will be their ID number @philasd.org. (ID numbers and passwords will be issued.) Their email address is a google account. They will have access to the G suite apps.

I use **Class Dojo**. Class Dojo is an online classroom management tool that I use every day in Room 102. Each student has a “monster” and I can give each student points when he exhibits positive behaviors. I can also take away points when students exhibit negative behaviors. I tend to give points often throughout the day, most notably when transitioning from one activity to another. I will also withhold points if the desired behavior is not exhibited. I will take away points on occasion as well.

I will send an invite via child’s district email or to the email/phone number that is on file to link up to Class Dojo. Then, you will receive data showing the positive and negative points earned by your child. You can also send me messages through Class Dojo. **I encourage everyone to link up to this invaluable tool!**

School Supply Fee

I will order all school supplies needed for the year. The fee will be anywhere between \$35-50 per child, depending on the number of students. I will have a more precise figure by August. When that time comes, you can send cash or venmo @Henry-Battestelli as soon as possible. Included in the fee will be a class subscription to Scholastic Magazine.

In addition, all students need a pair of headphones labeled with their name and room number. Earbuds are fine as well, but students must have a case labeled with their name and room number. (102)

TAKE HOME FOLDERS

Your child's 3-pocket take home folder will contain your child's daily report calendar in the left pocket. Please sign the daily report every night. The middle pocket will have a letter-keyword-sound chart, a number grid, and a list of snap words. Use these to study letter sounds, number recognition, counting, adding and subtracting. The pocket on the right will be for notices and returned work.

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLDER EVERY NIGHT. PLEASE CLEAR OUT ANY OLD OR IRRELEVANT PAPERS REGULARLY.

ALSO, ANY SIGNED NOTICES SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE LEFT POCKET (ON TOP OF THE CALENDAR) SO I CAN EASILY SPOT IT AND REMOVE IT THE NEXT DAY.

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Please place all money coming to school **IN A CLEARLY MARKED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, ROOM 102, AND THE PURPOSE FOR THE MONEY.** PLEASE PLACE THE ENVELOPE IN THE LEFT POCKET OF YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER (ON TOP OF THE CALENDAR). (DOLLAR DRESS DOWN MONEY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE IN A LABELED ENVELOPE).

Specials

Aside from the in-class curriculum, Room 102 students will have Gym, Science Enrichment, Music, and Art as specialty classes.

Parent Reminders

- I will meet your child each morning in the schoolyard where there is a 102 painted on the ground. On rainy or snowy days, I will meet your child in the school gym.
- **Kindergarten will dismiss from the 6th street entrance and should be picked up promptly at 3:30 p.m. If you need to pick up your child before dismissal, please notify the main office (215) 400-7840 and me.**
- If your child is absent from school, **he/she must bring a note on the day he/she returns, explaining the reason for the absence.** Without this documentation, the absence will be considered unexcused.
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- If your child is late, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD GETS A LATE SLIP. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THE ATTENDANCE RECORD IS UPDATED PROPERLY AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE MARKED ABSENT FOR THE DAY.
- Lunchtime is from 11:00-11:45. Your child may bring a lunch from home or he/she may receive a school lunch.
- **Please check your child's folder every night.**
- I will be sending a simple, calendar style daily report home. Please sign this report every night. (In the folder)
- Please make sure your child is in uniform each school day. Your child must wear sneakers on days when we have gym. No open toed shoes are permitted at school

- All visitors to the building must report to the main office to receive a visitor's pass.

Birthday Policy

To Be Announced

Snack Policy

Room 102 will have snack time in the afternoon. In promotion of a nutritious diet, **snacks high in sugar, such as chocolate and candy, are NOT PERMITTED.** Please send a nutritious snack that is easy to eat and clean up. **Fruits, vegetables, and low sugar items are perfect. Students are not permitted to share snacks.**