

Welcome to 4th Grade!

2023-2024

Rooms 213, 214 & 218

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We, Ms. Berlin, Ms. Capaldo, & Ms. Rickards, will be your child's teachers for fourth grade. Between the three of us, we have over 40 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. 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 all 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, Ms. Capaldo & Ms. Berlin

Ms. Rickards

Room 213: Math/Science

jrickards@philasd.org

Ms. Capaldo

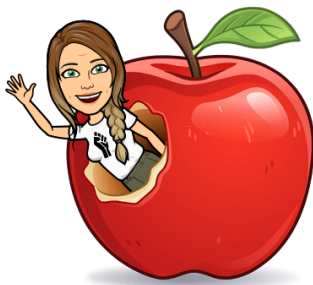
Room 218: ELA

tcapaldo@philasd.org

Ms. Berlin

Room 214: Social Studies/Science

kberlin@philasd.org



Assessments

All tests, quizzes, and other graded assignments will be sent home periodically in a designated Take Home folder. Each item in the folder should be signed by a parent and returned 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 Room - magnetic folders holding extra classwork, tasks and homework papers will be accessible on the back board at all times. 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: (admission/dismissal)

We will pick the students up from the schoolyard at 9:00 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.

MATH - Math homework will be assigned every Monday & Wednesday. Students have the opportunity to bring in their homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays for help and/or clarification.

We strongly encourage you to check your child's homework as it is a part of their grade. You will be emailed or messaged on Class Dojo 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

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. "One Mic"
4. Be honest & kind
5. One student out of their desk at a time.
6. Be a responsible learner.

Consequences

First Warning: Verbal Warning

Second Warning: Loss of Privileges

Third Warning: Parent Contact

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 Ms. Capaldo

Please contact me via Class Dojo/ I am also available by email at tcapaldo@philasd.org. I will do my best to respond within 24 hours. I try to get back as quickly as possible, but please observe Quiet Hours, as I focus on my family outside of school.

Contact Ms. Berlin

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

Amazon wishlists have been created for our classrooms with additional school supplies and activities that would be great to have for the school year. We will provide the link to our Wishlists via class dojo and 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 2023-2024
Rooms 213/214/218

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
- ___ Highlighters
- ___ (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
- ___ 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
- ___ (2) reams of paper