

Welcome to 4th Grade!

2026-2027

Rooms 213, 214 & 218

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! Ms. Berlin, Ms. Capaldo, and Ms. Paley will be your child's teachers for fourth grade. Your child will engage in many new and exciting things this upcoming year. Our mission is to provide high-quality, effective instruction so that our students can grow academically and socially, and acquire 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 students.

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. Paley, Ms. Capaldo & Ms. Berlin

Ms. Paley
Room 213: Math/Science
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Ms. Capaldo
Room 218: ELA
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Ms. Berlin
Room 214: Social Studies/Science
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Assessments

All tests, quizzes, and other graded assignments will be sent home periodically in a designated Take Home folder.

Attendance

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

ELA: - Homework will be assigned nightly and due on Friday each week. Homework is checked/graded for completion.

MATH: Homework will be assigned weekly. There will be a homework packet every week with the day that it should be completed on the bottom. Homework will be checked for completion and due every Friday unless stated otherwise.

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. Be a responsible learner.*

School Norms

1. Be respectful
2. Be responsible
3. Be safe
4. Be a Peaceful Problem-Solver
5. Be Kind

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. Paley

The easiest way to contact me is via class dojo or my email at hpaley@philasd.org . I will respond in a timely manner.

Contact Ms.Capaldo

Please contact me via Class Dojo/ I am also available by email at tcapaldo@philasd.org.

Contact Ms.Berlin

The best ways to reach me are via the ClassDojo app and email kberlin@philasd.org.

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.

Ms. Paley: [WishList Link](#)

Ms.Berlin: [WishList Link](#)

Ms.Capaldo: [WishList Link](#)

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

McCall Elementary
Grade 4 Supply List 2025-2026
Rooms 213/214/218

For the individual student:

- ___ Pencils- check to replace periodically (presharpened preferred)
- ___ Expo **fine tip** dry erase markers (low odor)
- ___ Highlighters
- ___ (1) soft pencil pouch or pencil box
- ___ (6) folders: Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Purple and Black
- ___ 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.
- ___ box of crayons or colored pencils
- ___ book bag
- ___ refillable water bottle to be kept on desk

For the class:

- ___ (3) boxes of tissues (not needed for paley)
- ___ (1) roll of paper towels (not needed for paley)
- ___ (2) containers of clorox wipes (not needed for paley)
- ___ (1) reams of paper
- ___ (1) hand sanitizer