

Ms. Russell's Welcome Letter and Supplies for 5th Grade 2025/2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am looking forward to the 2024-2025 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 look 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 homeschool communication is essential. 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." I am looking forward to the adventure!

Sincerely,

Audrey Russell

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Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24OAN7ELR88NR?ref_=wl_share

Dear Fourth Grade Students and Parents,

Congratulations on completing fourth grade! Below, you will find the **supply list** for the upcoming school year.

For in School:

- An **Agenda** or use Google Calendar to keep track of assignments and important deadlines
- Pencils – check to replace periodically
- **Three** hardbound black and white notebooks, loose-leaf paper, *Labeled Writing, Small Group, Reading, and Writing*
- 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 roll of paper towels (for homeroom only)
- Two **large** containers of disinfecting wipes (not baby wipes)
- Non-disposable water bottle
- sticky notes - check to replace periodically
- 2-4 Sharpie Markers (one must be black)
- One bottle of hand sanitizer to be replaced regularly
- Two large zip lock bags (gallon size)
- One pack of copy paper (500 sheets) **No Binder, please!**
- Two folders: *Labeled* Reading and Writing
- **Novels:** *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (*Memoir*), and *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

To be kept at home:

- Scissors
- Extra pencils
- Colored pencils
- Markers

Please bring **all** of your supplies on the first day of school.

I am 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