

Welcome to Kindergarten: Room 102

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 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

Bear Values

At McCall, we have five expectations that are to be followed at all times. We call them our Bear Values:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be Problem Solvers**
- **Be Kind**

Students will be taught the Bear Values and what the values look like in action for each setting at school. I will use ClassDojo and PBIS points to encourage adherence to the values. Students can accrue points for prizes! I have found that the kids love watching their point totals accumulate.

There will be consequences for behavior that is not in alignment with the values, especially if the behavior is intentional and harmful to others (emotionally or physically), or if the behavior is unsafe. Consequences will be administered on a case by case basis.

Staying Connected

Students will 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 ClassDojo as a classroom management tool and to contact families regularly/make announcements. I **strongly suggest** that all families get connected on ClassDojo to receive important school and classroom updates and to keep track of the points your child is earning in the classroom.

School Supply Fee

I will order all school supplies needed for the year. The fee will be anywhere between 20-26 per child, depending on the number of students. I will have a more precise figure by August. Included in the fee will be a digital subscription to Scholastic Magazine.

In addition, all students need a pair of wired headphones to keep in the classroom. I suggest a wired mouse as well but you can skip the mouse if your child uses a laptop trackpad regularly.

Please send an emergency change of clothes (shirt, pants, socks, underwear) in a large ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. This change of clothes will be kept at school in case of an accident. (The change of clothes does not have to be a uniform.)

TAKE HOME FOLDERS

Your child's take home folder will contain your child's daily report calendar in the left pocket. Please sign the daily report every night. The right 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 folder will also 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.)

Specialty Classes

Aside from the in-class curriculum, Room 102 students will have Gym, Technology, 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 be dismissed 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 or fill out an online google form documenting the absence** (link will be shared in the beginning of the school year) Without this documentation, the absence will be considered unexcused.) The google form is the best method of reporting the absence.
- 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.**
- 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.

Snack Policy

Kindergarten 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.**