

# *Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!*

*2025-2026*

*Rooms 213, 214 & 218*

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 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 year in fourth grade. 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

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

MATH: Homework will be assigned at least two days a week. Homework will be checked for completion.

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.*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:tcapaldo@philasd.org).

### **Contact Ms.Berlin**

The best ways to reach me are via the ClassDojo app and email [kberlin@philasd.org](mailto: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 2024-2025**  
**Rooms 213/214/218**

**For the individual student:**

- \_\_\_ Pencils- check to replace periodically
- \_\_\_ Expo **fine tip** dry erase markers (low odor)
- \_\_\_ Clean sock for wiping white boards
- \_\_\_ Highlighters
- \_\_\_ (1) soft pencil pouch or pencil box
- \_\_\_ (6) folders: Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Purple and Black
- \_\_\_ (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
- \_\_\_ book bag
- \_\_\_ refillable water bottle to be kept on desk

**For the class:**

- \_\_\_ (3) boxes of tissues
- \_\_\_ (1) roll of paper towels
- \_\_\_ (2) containers of clorox wipes
- \_\_\_ (2) reams of paper