

July 21, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to fifth grade! My name is Ms. Sei and I am super excited to be your new fifth grade science and social studies teacher. As the school year begins, you will need to be prepared to be engaged in learning and to work hard for a successful year. This year will be filled with many new learning experiences in science and social studies. Make sure you are prepared for the beginning of fifth grade by having your supplies within the first week of school.

Please note that homework and projects will be assigned throughout the year. Since science will be a tested subject this year, your PSSA scores will be counted towards future school admission. Therefore, all assignments must be completed when given. Please check your Google Science and Social Studies Classroom daily for project due dates and complete classwork/homework the day it's given to receive full credit for the assignment. Both homework and classwork are an important part of your education, as they help you practice the skills/concepts learned in class. Homework is expected to be completed the day it is assigned, and projects completed by their due date as both will be a part of your grade.

- Supply list:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/113MleITjh3dZjbeLRx4cv5wUmRmAUUOjO79hEt3l3A8/edit?usp=sharing>
- Please send in \$2.00 for classroom markers and consumable materials(for group activities) Cash or Venmo @Mabel-Sei. (Make sure you write/type in your child's name when sending money.)
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- Amazon Wishlist- Your help is truly appreciated.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QZFFZHEQESCO?ref_=wl_share
- I will update the list throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

I look forward to a successful new school year and meeting you in the near future. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at msei@philasd.org after August 20th. Have a great rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Sei

Please read below: Important Information for the Year-

Class Dojo Link- Please sign up and get connected:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CGPH45Q>

Work Habits

As 5th graders, your child should have developed good work habits by now. However, it is still strongly encouraged for 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. Please check your child's **Take Home Folder** each night for assessments, important letters, and school updates.

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. Missed homework/classwork assignments will need to be completed upon return. Your child is responsible for obtaining and completing all assignments to keep them up to date.

Missed Assignments

Bins holding extra classwork, tasks, and homework papers will be accessible in the classroom at all times. For those students who are absent, they are responsible for getting materials they missed upon their return.

Classwork

Classwork that is not completed at school will be assigned to be finished at home. This also includes work that is missed during instrumental lessons, MG, or other activities that cause a student to miss class time.

School Supplies:

Please find a copy of the supply list on the McCall Website above. I am kindly requesting that your child have his/her supplies within the first week when we return to school.

Uniforms:

Students need to wear the appropriate McCall School uniform every day. 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.

Refillable water bottles are to be used in school and kept in their homeroom. (No plastic water bottles are permitted.)

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(unless we're working in groups)*
- 6. Be a responsible learner.*

Consequences

First Warning: Verbal Warning

Second Warning: Loss of Privileges

Third Warning: Parent Contact

Contacting me:

If you have any questions or concerns, please email at msei@philasd.org or message me on Class Dojo. I will try my best to respond within 24 hrs. For urgent matters regarding your child during school hours such as early dismissals, please contact the office for I do not always check or respond to messages during teaching hours.

Again, I look forward to meeting you and working with you in the near future. Enjoy the rest of your summer!