

The School District of Philadelphia
James Logan School
17th Street and Lindley Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19141-1501

June 1, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Fifth Grade! I am excited to have your child in my Homeroom during the 2023-2024 school year. I look forward to providing him/her with an enriching and successful educational experience. And I ask your support in my commitment to making this possible. I hope that this letter will be helpful in preparing your child for school this fall.

I would greatly appreciate your cooperation with the following.

- So that your son/daughter does not lose the gains that he/she has made during the current school year, please have him/her read a book a week during the summer break. This will help him/her continue to strengthen his/her reading fluency and comprehension skills. Please consider downloading eBooks or audio books for your child to read or listen to. You may also choose to purchase books online and/or at brick-and-mortar stores. It will also be beneficial for your son/daughter to have a card to borrow books from the Free Library of Philadelphia as an additional resource to supplement his/her independent reading options.
- Please check the School District of Philadelphia's (SDP) website frequently for the most up-to-date details about the start of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Please check with your child to ensure that he/she has the necessary school supplies (please see the list of supplies on the back).* It is important that he/she will be prepared for school each day.
- When classes resume in the fall, please check to make sure that your child is completing and turning in assignments. Homework will be assigned Monday through Friday. It is important for students to complete daily homework assignments as they provide students with an opportunity to review and practice skills covered in school each day.
- Additionally, please remind your son/daughter of the importance of all assignments, both classwork and homework, being complete, correct and checked carefully before they are turned in. It's critical that students read and follow the directions for each assignment carefully.
- Please monitor your child's daily reading habits, as independent reading outside of school will be crucial to strengthening his/her fluency and comprehension skills. He/She should read a book of his/her choice each day for at least 30 minutes.

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Please also support your child with practicing the addition/subtraction facts, as well as the multiplication/division up to 12, fractions and decimals. It will be important for him/her to be fluent with these facts. Flash cards are a great tool to use.

Again, I look forward to working with you and your child during the 2023-2024 school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at pemobley@philasd.org. Also, once school begins in the fall, I will update my Class Dojo class, which will be the best way to reach me. If you don't already have the App, please download it.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mobley
5th Grade Teacher
James Logan School

*List of Supplies

Please provide the following items for your child for the 2023-2024 school year:

- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of pencils (24 pack)
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Case
- 4 poly two-pocket folders (plastic folders last longer)
- 1 glue stick
- 4 composition notebooks (black no spirals or binders)
- Headphones (or Earbuds) for classroom computer use
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes (boys only)
- 1 container of hand sanitizer (girls only)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex tissues

June 2023

Dear Parents & Guardians,

My name is Ms. Bailey, and I am so very excited to be teaching your child for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. I recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school, so I look forward to working with you as well this school year!

Since I know that you will be getting many, many letters in the coming week, I will make this letter short and sweet.

➤ **ClassDojo** is awesome!!!

- Dojo is very much like Facebook.
- You can track your child's progress during the school day.
- You can communicate with me on a regular basis.
- You can access uploaded letters and forms that I send home with the students.
- ... and so much more!!!

➤ **Schoolnet and Google Classroom**

- You will have access to your child's password for the School District of Philadelphia, and of course you can create your own parent account.
 - Check your child's grades on an ongoing basis!
 - Check on School District news, policies, and procedures.
 - Check up on your child's classroom assignments.

➤ **Volunteer Please**

- Be a chaperone on one or more of the school trips planned for this year. We always need chaperones!
- Help around the classroom with organizing and student support.
- Help with school fundraising activities.

➤ In the fall I will be sending out:

- the ClassDojo invite letter,
- a parent/contact form
- a media release form so we can take pictures of the fun we have in class.
- a Scholastic Reading Club letter
- the classroom supply list again, and
- a list of your child's passwords.

My door is always open. I look forward to seeing all of you next year, and I look forward to a very exciting and productive school year!

All the best,

Ms. Bailey

School Supply List

- Headphones (a sturdy, child-proof pair)
- Composition books: 4, 100-page, wide rule (**one red, one blue, one green, one black**)
- Pencils: 3 dozen, Dixon **Ticonderoga*** only, please
- Large Pink Erasers, 2
- Markers: 10-pack, classic colors, thin tip
- Colored pencils: 12-pack, classic colors, **Crayola***
- Crayons: 24 count, **Crayola***
- Glue sticks: 4
- Liquid school glue: 1 bottle, standard size
- Scissors: 1 pair, child size
- Highlighters: 2
- Hand sanitizer: 1 bottle, pump top
- Liquid hand soap: 2 bottles, pump top
- Disinfecting wipes: 1 pack (Clorox type, no baby wipes)
- Facial tissues: 2 boxes, family size
- paper towels
- ream of colored or white copy paper

***I know that this is a lot, but the children will use all of these supplies up this year. Please reach out to me on Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns.**