



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to extend a warm welcome back to school to you and your child. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. One full week of school has been completed and we are off to a great start! We have a great class this year and we are looking forward to working with you and your child.

This year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for growth, learning, and discovery. We are committed to creating a positive and engaging environment where every student can thrive. We have been working hard to prepare our curriculum, plan enriching activities, and ensure the needs of each student is met. As we prepare for a new school year we have included some important information below:

Top Ten List for 5th Grade Parents/Guardians:

1. **School Hours/Attendance:** 7: 45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Our attendance goal is 100% everyday!
WE ARE DOING GREAT SO FAR!
2. **Important Dates:**
Monday, September 7, 2026 - Labor Day - No school
Friday, September 11, 2026 - Red, white, and blue out of uniform day
Thursday, September 24, 2026 - \$2 Dress down day and Progress Reports Go Home
Friday, September 25, 2026 - No School for Students - Professional Development
Monday, October 12, 2026 - Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
Friday, October 16, 2026- Picture Day
Friday, October 23, 2026- \$2 Dress down day and End of 1st Quarter
Friday, October 30, 2026 - Report Cards Go Home
Monday, November 2 - Parent Teacher Conferences - No School
3. **Uniform Policy:**
5th graders are expected to wear navy shirts and navy pants or skirts. Students may wear Cassell spirit wear as well. We have gym on Wednesdays and suggested gym uniform is required. **Only navy crewneck sweatshirts and navy zip ups (no hoods) are allowed.**

The temperature in our classroom varies from day to day so please have Cassell wear available to utilize if cold.

4. Grading and Homework Policy:

Subjects and category breakdown is attached.

Homework will be used to reinforce class instruction or for review. If your child is having a difficult time completing homework, do not worry. We will address it in class. In the event of an absence, students will have two school days per absence to make up missed assignments.

5. Rules, Routines, and Expectations:

We have spent the week discussing Cassell Schoolwide rules, establishing new routines, and agreeing upon the expectations that we have created together in order to have a successful learning environment.

6. School Supplies:

Please make sure your child has all of the required school supplies for this school year. This will help them to stay organized and be successful throughout the year. **Check in with your child to see what they still need by Monday at the latest, please.**

7. Communication:

Let's stay in touch. If you ever have any questions or concerns please reach out directly to us. The best form of communication is to email both Mrs. Berry (jamcinerney@cps.edu) and Mrs. Reilly(acreilly@cps.edu) at our emails. Please know that we will respond as soon as possible. You can expect a reply within 24 hours of any messages sent. In the event you have not heard back from us in the 24 hour window, please send another message. This could happen if we are not in the building on the day you emailed. We will also be available for phone conversations or in person meetings by appointment only. Please email to schedule an appointment if needed.

8. Snack Authorization Letter:

We have created a permission slip that will allow us to provide snacks or treats with your child throughout the school year. This letter allows permission for the entire school year. There will be a section of the letter to identify any foods you do not want your child eating at school as well as any allergies to foods. Thank you to everyone for sending this form back.

9. Student Schedules:

I have included our schedules below.

10. Best Year Ever:

Together, we can create the best school year for your child. We are looking forward to continuing to get to know all of the students at the best school in Chicago!

This year's whole-school theme
is ART is the HeART of
Learning!



**5th Grade Student Schedule
Room 505's Daily Schedule**

7:45 - 7:55	Homeroom
7:55 - 8:55	Reading and Writing
8:55 - 9:55	Reading and Writing
9:55 - 11:05	Math
11:05 - 11:50	Lunch and Recess
11:50 - 12:10	Math
12:10 - 12:40	Social Science
12:40 - 1:40	Enrichment
1:40 - 2:40	Science
2:45	Dismissal

Enrichment Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Theater	Theater	P.E. in the gym	Games in 505	Art
Ms. Lynch	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Panozzo	Mrs. O'Malley	Mrs. Lynch

LUNCH and RECESS

Lunch	Recess	Monitor
11:05-11:25	11:25-11:50	Mrs. Whitlock