



Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

This year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for growth, learning, and discovery. I am committed to creating a positive and engaging environment where every student can thrive. I have been working hard to prepare our curriculum, plan enriching activities, and ensure that I meet the needs of each student. As we prepare for a new school year I 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 1, 2025 - Labor Day - **No school**
Friday, September 19, 2025 - Progress Reports Go Home
Friday, September 26, 2025 - Professional Development - **No School**
Monday, October 13, 2025 - Indigenous Peoples Day - **No School**
Friday, October 17, 2025 - Picture Day
Friday, October 17, 2025 - End of 1st Quarter
Friday, October 24, 2025 - \$2 Dress Down Day and Report Cards Go Home
Monday, October 27, 2025 - 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 Fridays 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.

4. **Homework Policy:**

Homework will only be assigned on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Homework will only 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.

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. This year the students should have a total of three - 3-Subject notebooks. 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 me. The best form of communication is to email me at jfomalley@cps.edu Please know that I will respond as soon as possible. You can expect a reply within 24 hours of any messages sent. I will also be available for phone conversations or in person meetings by appointment only from 12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.

8. **Snack Authorization Letter:**

I have created a permission slip that will allow me to share delicious and nutritious snacks with your child throughout the school year. This letter will allow me 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. The letter will come home with your child today. Please sign and return with your student on Monday.

9. **Student Schedules:**

I have included our instruction schedule, enrichment schedule, and lunch and recess schedule below.

10. **Best Year Ever:**

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

5th Grade Student Schedule
Room 507

7:45 - 7:55	Homeroom
7:55 - 8:55	Reading + Writing
8:55 - 9:55	Reading + Writing
9:55 - 11:05	Math
11:05 - 11:50	Recess and Lunch
11:50 - 12:10	Math Talk
12:10 - 12:40	Social Studies
12:40 - 1:40	Enrichment (schedule below)
1:40 - 2:40	Science
2:40 - 2:45	Homeroom
2:45	Dismissal

ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

1st SEMESTER:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Games	Games	Art	Theater	P.E.
108	108	Art Room	Theater	Gym
Mrs. O'Malley	Mrs. O'Malley	Mrs. Lynch	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Panozzo

LUNCH and RECESS

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