

August 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that everyone had a restful and well-deserved summer break. This upcoming year, I will be teaching 5th grade, along with Ms. Butler. Each 5th grade classroom will be self-contained. However, we will work in tandem to make sure that both classes are following a similar schedule and working on the same material throughout the year. Information about the current school year will be posted on my SLPS webpage regularly (<https://bit.ly/mrbabolat>) and messages to parents will be published using ClassDojo. Information for students will be posted on TEAMS and materials sent to their One Note notebooks.

This year, as fifth graders will be part of the oldest students in the school, opportunities will be given for them to develop, maintain and demonstrate to others their leadership skills. From participating in a school wide leadership committee, to lending a hand to younger grade and starting a morning announcement ritual, 5th graders will have a chance to show they can be independent and organized to run parts of school systems efficiently and effortlessly. To help achieving these goals, and following on the footsteps of the previous year 5th and 6th grade team, students will be able to meet different individuals throughout the school year with our guest speakers series. These meetings (all made online) were successful the past two years, and helped students know more about a certain profession, how individuals made a difference in their communities, or to simply broaden their perspective.

Most of the work will be done using the iPad this year. While students can choose to work using pen and paper, they will collect all of their work electronically. iPads may be kept in the classroom during the week to ensure that all students are ready and iPads are charged and safe.

I am very excited about this school year and the opportunities we can give to our students! As a team in 5th grade, we will work hard to ensure that your child reach his/her highest goals.

Expectations:

- Being Respectful: We expect each student to show respect to his/her classmates and all adults;
- Being Responsible: We expect every student to be prepared daily to begin his/her work. Parents please see that your child is prepared and ready everyday;
- Being Safe: We expect each child to follow all classroom rules in order to have an effective and safe learning environment. ***Rules will be discussed about and reviewed/rewritten as a class.***

Homework:

Homework will be given daily and due the following day. All homework will be handed as a paper copy. Please keep in mind all homework assignments are an extension of what your child is learning in class.

As a team, we look forward to a great school year and meeting all of our parents! You can contact me through ClassDojo, email or phone (sebastien.babolat@slps.org and 314-722-6090).

Thank you,
Mr. Babolat-Grade 5