

August 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 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 (a change from the previous year). 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. Just like last year, I will update my SLPS webpage regularly (<https://bit.ly/mrbabolat>), with what the class is working on and with any updates (homework, special events, etc.).

This year, as fifth graders will be part of the oldest students in the school, opportunities will be given to 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 last year, 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! A link to a virtual open house for 5th grade will be sent. We will communicate through ClassDojo, email or phone (sebastien.babolat@slps.org and 314-722-6090).

Thank you,
Mr. Babolat-Grade 5

HomeWorks Fellowship

August 12th, 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

Nance Elementary is very excited to collaborate with **HOME WORKS! The Teacher Home Visit Program** this school year as part of their outstanding Fellowship Program. The Fellowship Program is simple! **Fellows Teachers in participating classrooms visit the homes of their students, either virtually or in-person, to learn from families**, and provide support for your child's goals for the school year. I am excited and honored to serve as a Fellows Teacher this year. We know that no one knows your child better than you do and I'd like to learn from you. We believe that the more our Fellows Teachers can connect with families, the better we can support your child's learning.

As a Fellows Teacher in the program, I want to reach all our families. We want the home visit to be an opportunity for us to learn about you and your child away from school and for you to get to know us. The goal is to do the best we can for your child.

I'd like to find a time when both you and your child are available for a home visit. This will **last about 30 minutes**. If you choose to have an in-person visit, I will bring someone else from Nance who interacts with your child to your home. If you would prefer to have the visit in a location other than your home, we can definitely make that happen (this could be a local library per example). If you choose to have a virtual visit, I will connect with you online and another colleague who is familiar with your child will join me.

I am available most days after 4 or 4.30 pm (after school and meetings). Please check, circle or underline whether or not you would like an in-person or a virtual visit, as a choice that work for you and your family. When I receive your completed form, I will promptly contact you to confirm your home visit date/time.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 314-722-6090 or at sebastien.babolat@slps.org.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you soon,

Mr. B, 5th Grade

I prefer an (please circle or underline one choice):

☐ **in-person visit (at home or at a location)**

☐ **virtual visit**

Student's Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____