



# WELCOME BACK!

*From the desk of Mrs. Christina Barry*

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## Welcome

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I am delighted to have your child in my classroom, and I look forward to working with you in the months to come. This will be a fantastic year for all of us. Below you will find helpful information about our classroom procedures.

We are very excited to be departmentalizing this school year. We believe this will help to better prepare our students for middle school. Your child will have Ms. Wolfe for Math and Social Studies and Mrs. Barry for Reading, Language, and Science. You can reach either of us through Class Dojo, email, or calling the school. Our office hours will be before school begins, during our planning time from 1:45p-2:25p, and after school duty at 3:30p.

## Classroom Rules

1. Be prepared. (This includes having supplies for class and lanyards with ID Badges each day.)
2. Complete assignments on time. (Incomplete class assignments may be sent home to be completed in addition to homework.)
3. Raise your hand before speaking.
4. Keep, hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
5. Treat others like you want to be treated.
6. Use your manners and be respectful.
7. Clean up after yourself and keep your desk area neat.

## Consequences

1<sup>st</sup> offense: verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: conduct/work study mark (mark and comment will be in DOJO for parent to see)

3<sup>rd</sup> offense: note (DOJO message) or phone call home

4<sup>th</sup> offense: parent/student/teacher conference

5<sup>th</sup> offense: office referral

## Homework

Homework is rarely assigned, however when it is given it will only be Monday – Thursday unless it includes a project. Homework assignments are written on the board daily and students are required to write their **own** homework assignments down on their calendar. I do not send homework to parent; it is your child's responsibility to stay organized. It is the student's responsibility to remember to turn in homework and it will not be accepted late. Homework reflects the lesson being taught in class and will help your child to further develop the skill. Students will have notes and examples from the day's lesson to refer to for homework. If a project is assigned, there will be at least a 2–4 week notice. Students should study nightly even if formal homework is not assigned. This includes reviewing vocabulary words for a unit or spelling words for the quarter. Practicing your math facts and reading at least 15-20 minutes each evening is also highly encouraged.

## Uniforms

Please make sure that your child is in FULL uniform every day. This includes shirts tucked in. Only uniform jackets will be allowed. **Please do not send students to school with a jacket other than solid navy or white.** They will be required to take it off and put it in their book bag. Uniform violations will result in a uniform letter and loss of privilege. If the violations continue, an office referral will take place. ID Badges are a part of their uniform. They must have their badge on them each day. Badge replacements will be \$5.

## Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent via email through Schoology each Friday. Be sure to stay current with your child's progress. If you have any questions regarding a grade or an assignment, please contact me before the end of the quarter to discuss.

## AR

Accelerated Reader is a requirement at Allentown. Students should keep up with their weekly and quarterly AR goals. If the goals are not met by the end of the quarter, this may result in work study grades being affected. Fifth grade students who meet their AR goal all 4 quarters and maintain good behavior are eligible for selection of the teacher/student kickball game. Students should NOT be taking AR Tests at home. They may read a book at home and test the next morning, but AR tests will be deleted if they are taken at home. We read a lot of books in class and have plenty of silent reading time through out the day. There are plenty of options for online reading as well. I encourage reading for interest and keeping it fun! This year we are implementing many competitions. Let's be a winning homeroom!!

## Conduct

If your child receives a poor conduct grade (N=needs improvement, U=unsatisfactory), this will result in a loss of privileges. In addition, a poor conduct grade will keep your child off the Honor Roll, even if they have all A's. Conduct is very important to maintain a learning atmosphere. You will receive a conduct grade with the progress report. Anything other than satisfactory will explain why a student received that conduct grade.

## Snack

Student may purchase a snack and/or bottle of water each morning. Snack and water will cost \$0.50 each. Students may also bring snacks from home. Snack time will be in the morning around 10:15am. If your child comes in tardy, they must purchase snack before coming to the room. I will not send them to the office for snack after they come to my room. Let me know if you are sending in whole class treats for special occasions. We love celebrating birthdays and holidays!

## Transportation

If your child is going home a different way than what you have listed on their dismissal form completed at the beginning of the year, **I must receive a written note**. This is a very strict regulation from Central Office. If I do not receive a note, I must send your child home their regular way.

## Parent/Teacher Meeting

If you would like to conference, I am available most mornings, afternoons, and during my planning time at 1:45. Please send me a note, email, or call the school to set up a conference. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact me. You may send a note to school with your child, email me at [cbarry1@mcpss.com](mailto:cbarry1@mcpss.com) or you may call the office at 221-1000. This year we are using Class Dojo. Please join our class community by following the steps on the DOJO handout you will receive in their welcome back folder.

## Other Important Information

Students are allowed to bring a water bottle to school with them as long as it has a top that can be screwed on. Gatorade and other sugar drinks **will not be allowed** in the classroom during the day. We will go to the restroom 4 times a day; twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. Students **will not** be allowed to go to the restroom other times of the day unless it is deemed an emergency.

**PTO membership is \$10. Registration fees are \$20.** Please make sure you have your driver's license number and a phone number on your check. **Treats for the classroom must be store bought and prepackaged.** We can no longer allow homemade treats/snacks in the room.

**Please do not send handheld pencil sharpeners to class. They make a mess and are a distraction. I will send them back home!**

Looking forward to an AMAZING YEAR!



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