

Welcome to
5th grade

with Mrs. McKay
and Mrs. Sims



About Mrs. McKay

I was born and raised in Prattville and attended Autauga County Schools. I graduated from Prattville High School in 2003. I received my Bachelor's degree from AUM in Early Childhood/Childhood Education. This is my 15th year teaching. I taught 6th grade reading/language arts for 3 years at Prattville Intermediate School.

This is my 12th year at DPES teaching 5th grade reading/language arts.



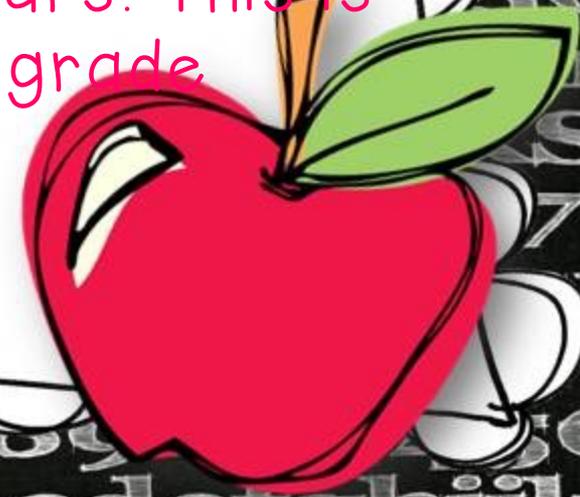
About Mrs. McKay

My husband, Rob, and I have two boys, Will and Britton. Will is in 7th grade at PJHS, and Britton is in 3rd grade here at DPES. Both boys are very active in sports, which keeps us busy.



About Mrs. Sims

I graduated from Gulf Shores High School in 2008. I received my Bachelors in Elementary Education in 2012 from The University of Alabama. I began my teaching career at Pleasant Grove Elementary teaching math and social studies to 5th graders, where I taught for 3 years. This is my 8th year at DPES teaching 5th grade math, science, and social studies.



About Mrs. Sims

My husband, Tyler, and I have two little girls. Kathryn is 5 and Rebecca is 3. I love spending time with my family and friends. We enjoy going to the river and the beach!



Contact Information

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- Class Dojo – BEST way to communicate!

- WEBSITE: www.dpeseagles.com

Click "School Staff"

Find teacher's name



ClassDojo

- This will be our method of communication to send out reminders, due dates, etc. as well as our classroom behavior system.
- You all have been sent an email invitation to join our ClassDojo account. Please check your spam/junk mail folder if you have not received the invitation yet.



Important Times

PE – 9:15-9:55

SNACK – 9:55-10:05

LUNCH

McKay – 12:20-12:43

Sims – 12:22-12:45



Arrival

- Bus riders will be counted off and will sit in either the gym or the lunchroom prior to 7:45, before dismissing to their HR teacher.
- Car riders, walkers, and daycare will sit in their grade level's hallway.
- Breakfast will be preordered and served in the classroom starting at 7:45.
- Snack will still need to be purchased from the snack shack before students go to their assigned location in the morning.





Dismissal

*All students will have a pink sign that will be used for pick up during carpool.

*In order for your child to be picked up in the carpool line, whoever is picking them up will need to have this sign.

*If they don't have the sign, they will be asked to pull over and show their ID so that we know they are allowed to pick up this child.

*If you need an additional sign, you will need to email dpescarpool@acboe.net . Make sure to include your child's name and homeroom teacher.





Dismissal

(This is subject to change at any point in the school year!)

- Dismissal will start at 2:50.



GRADING POLICY

Math, Reading, and Language Arts
will be 60/40.

60% ~ Major Grades (tests,
projects, writing projects,
presentations, etc.)

40% ~ Minor Grades (skills
practice, fluency assessments,
quizzes, DMR, homework, etc.)



Reading/Language Arts

Each week on my website you will find all of the information you will need for any assignments/tests.

There are 3 VERY important sections:

1. The Calendar (here you will find test dates and other important dates)
2. This Week in Reading... (here you will find all of the vocabulary words and skill material for that week)
3. This Week in Language Arts... (here you will find the spelling words and grammar skill for the week)



Reading/Language Arts

Open Court Reading

- New Curriculum this year
- Not much information given to us
 - Learn together as we go
- Format will be different from Scott Foresman (previous reading curriculum)



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

- Order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs
- Class Activation Code: HXBCL
- Catalogs will be sent home each month in their biweekly folder.
- No money will be sent to school. You will place your order online and books will be sent to the school. I will pass them out when I receive them.
- Can order for siblings as well!

Math/Science/Social Studies

Check my website each week.

At the top of my page, you will find 3 sections titled: math, science, and social studies.

Under each subject, I will have the assignments/tests that will take place each day that week. I will also list any future dates that are important under those sections.

**Math Classes

**SS – newspaper quizzes/tests, states and capitals

**Science – quizzes, tests, projects



Graded Papers

Students will receive folders with their graded papers every other week, typically Thursday. All papers for that class will be stapled together with a note on the front listing reminders and all papers that are included in the packet. Please review the grades, sign the note at the top, and return the packet to school in the folder the following day.

We STRONGLY suggest you regularly check PowerSchool so that you are aware of your child's academic progress (and there aren't any surprises when progress reports or report cards are sent home!)

Communication

- ClassDojo - The BEST method of communication. (There is a free app for you to download.)
- Teacher's Websites (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!) Please get in the habit of checking them weekly.





Field Trips

We plan to have several field trips throughout the year. More information will be sent home at a later date.

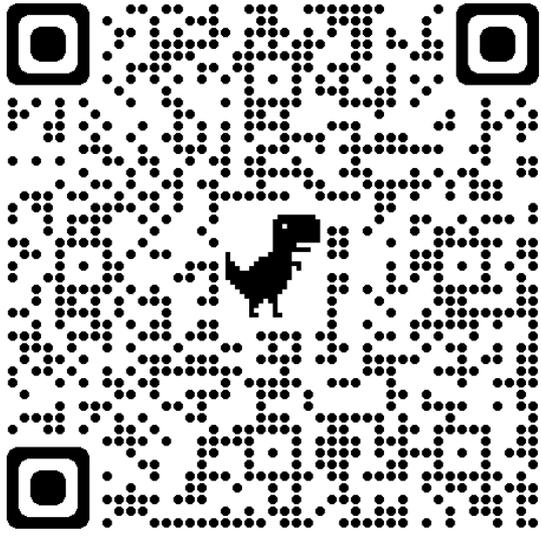


LOCKERS

- Lockers will be sold the first week of school on a first come, first serve basis. Students are not allowed to share a locker.
- The cost is \$10, cash or check (made payable to DPES)
- If you are willing to come help assist students in learning how to open their lockers (usually about 15-20 minutes a few mornings), please send us a message on ClassDojo.



Career Day

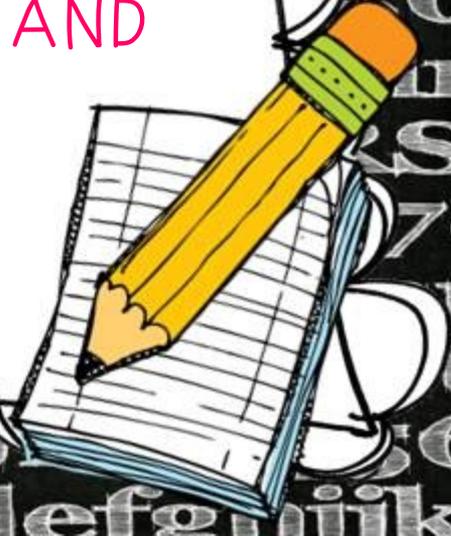


Please scan the QR code if you are willing to speak to our classes about your career. Mrs. Walker has not yet set a specific date or time.



Reminders:

- * Birthdays – Any items sent in must be store bought and individually wrapped.
- * Class Donations are always welcome!
- * Please return all signed paperwork AND your child's folder ASAP!





Any
questions???

We're looking forward to a GREAT
year!!!

