

Welcome to 5th
grade!



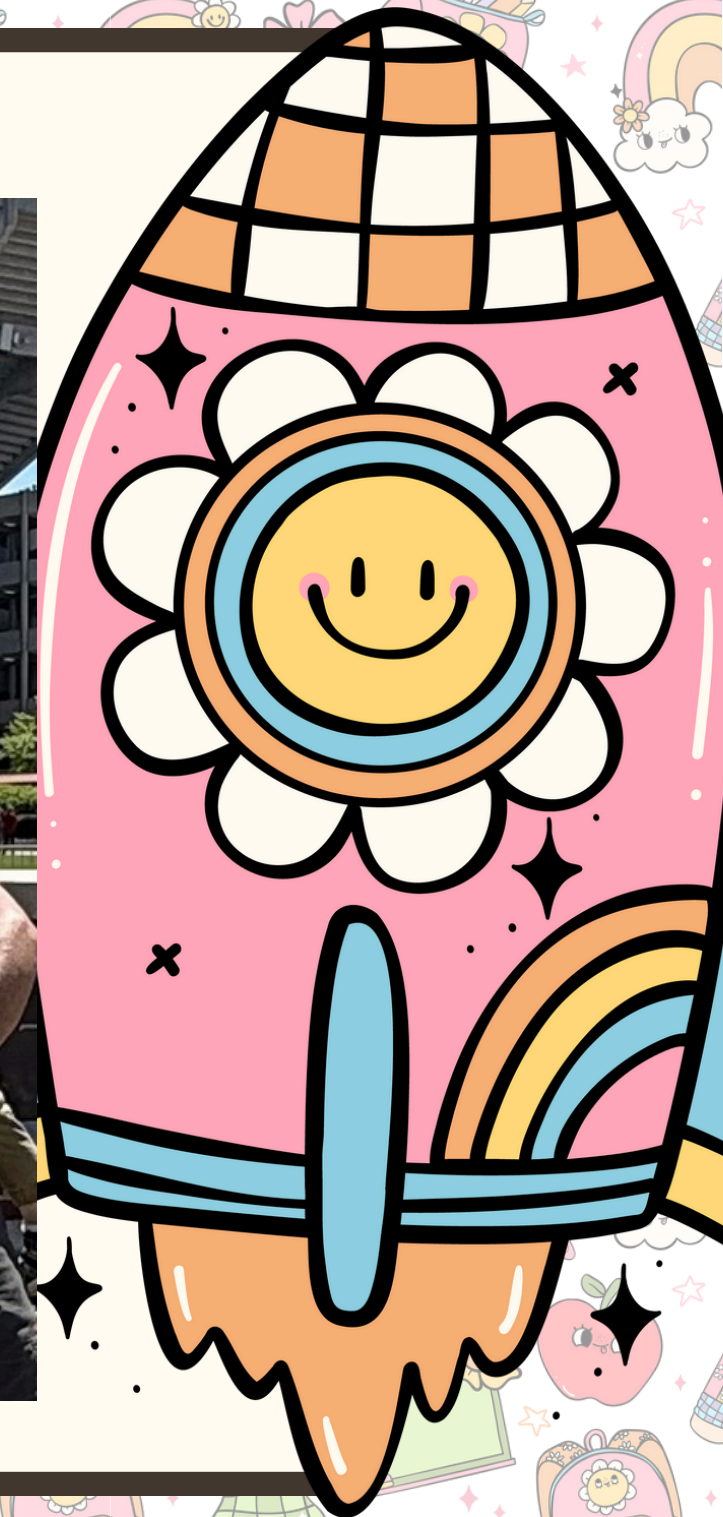
Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Daniel

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! This is my 2nd year at DPES and my 12th year teaching! My husband and I have a ten-year-old son that is also in 5th grade this year and three-year-old twins that are VERY busy.

I LOVE teaching ELA and encouraging a love for learning and reading in my students.

We will be doing some exciting novel studies this year and learning some new skills.



Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Cerrano

I've been married to my amazing husband Tony for almost 20 years. We have three incredible children, Isabel, our oldest is 19, a student at AUM studying education. Lily is fifteen and active in the PHS Pride of Prattville Marching Band, PHS Spotlight Show Choir, and PHS Theatre Productions. Alex is 10, and also starting 5th grade! We have 3 crazy dogs, Bo, Jax, and Maggie, and a very spoiled cat named Aurora. Both my father and husband served in the military so I have lived all over including Germany, New Jersey, Texas, Georgia, Nevada, Missouri, and Alabama. In my free time I love to read and spend time with my family.



Communication

Throughout the year, we will keep you informed of things going on in the classroom and your child's progress. This includes:

- **Parent Square-** this is our primary way of communicating with you. Check with the office if you need help setting it up. This is also where DPES admin will post school events, dates, and other important information.
- **Take Home Folders-**this includes graded assignments. Please review the graded papers, sign any sheets that are 69% or below. Return the folders the following day.

These folders go home every two weeks.



Communication

- **PowerSchool-** this is the best way to check your student's grades.
- **Weekly Newsletters-** Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Cerrano will have newsletters in student binders that will contain the topics we're covering in class, as well as test dates.
- **Contact us if you have any questions or concerns.**
- **Our planning time each day is 9:10-10:00am. This is the time for classroom planning, phone calls, conferences, Parent Square communication, etc.**
- **All messages will be responded to within 24 hours.**
- **A secondary way to communicate is through our school emails. magan.daniel@acboe.net and jennifer.cerrano@acboe.net**



Classroom Info

- **Your student will change classes at 11:40 each day.**
- **Reading & Language Arts- Mrs. Daniel**
- **Math, Science, Social Studies- Mrs. Cerrano**



Behavior Management

We expect students to always be on their best behavior. Students will earn Class Dojo points for participation and good behavior. If a school or classroom rule is broken, the following consequences may be issued:

1st occurrence

Student/Teacher Conference (Warning)

2nd occurrence

Parents will be notified by phone call of student behavior

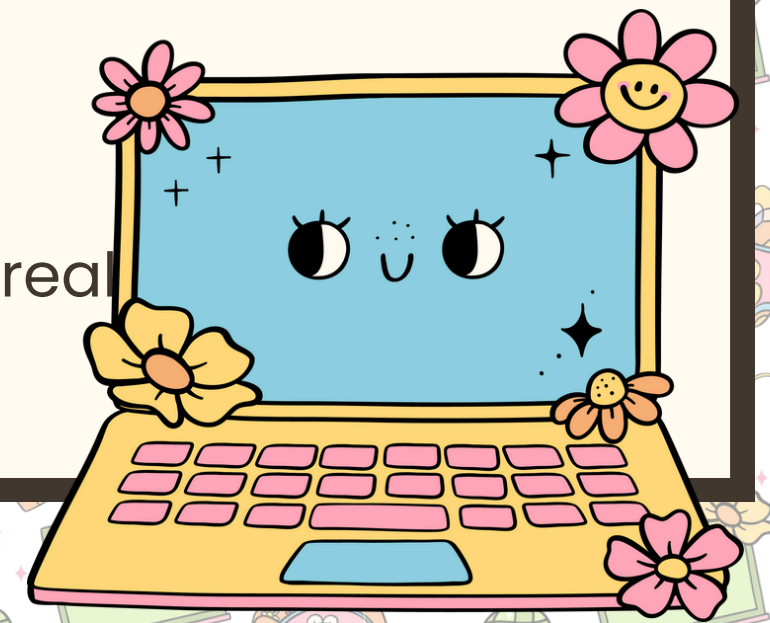
3rd occurrence

Parent/Teacher/Admin. Conference

4th occurrence

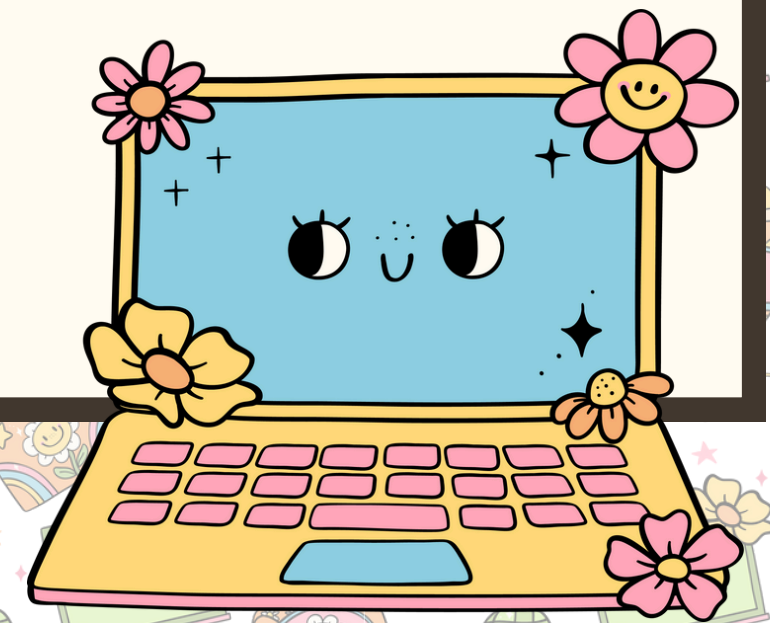
Referral to Administration for Habitual Class A Behavior

Students may have silent lunch, silent snack, and/or loss of Brain Break minutes.



Focus Act

Legislation has passed in the state of Alabama that prohibits the use of cell phones in the classroom. ***All cell phones, ear buds, and apple watches must remain off and in backpacks during the school day.*** An office referral process will be started for students who are caught with these devices during class.



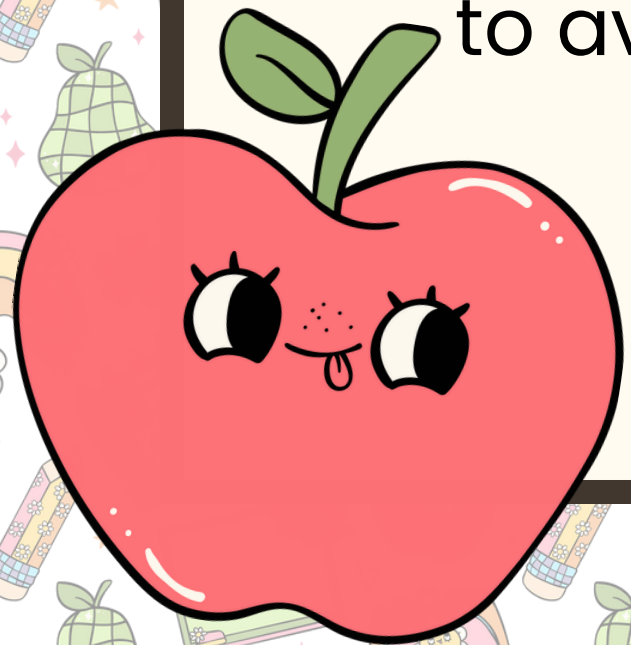
School Supplies

- **Planners will be provided. Students are responsible for writing down all important assignments and due dates each week.**
- **Both classrooms have a board display showing the events and test days for the week. This information will be written down in their planner.**
- **School supply lists are on our website. Students will keep their personal supplies and take them to each class. Please check with your student regularly to see if they need anything replaced or replenished.**
- **Classroom supplies will stay with their homeroom teacher.**



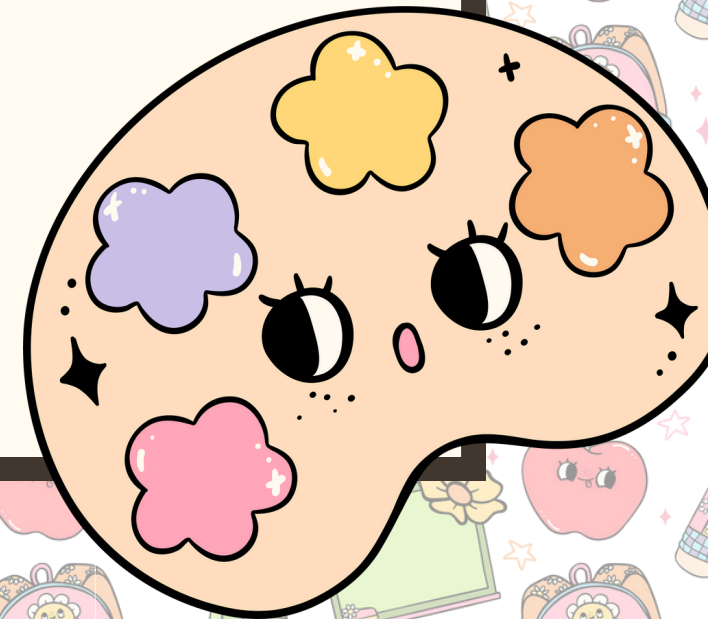
Water Bottles

- Students are welcome to bring their own water bottles. Water is the only drink allowed inside our classrooms.
- Students are responsible for their water bottle during transition periods.
- Please only send bottles with screw tops. Other cups will be left in the hallway to avoid spills in our classroom.



Important Info

- Breakfast is from 7:10am–7:55am in the lunchroom.
- Lunch is at 12:15pm.
- Family Lunch Days are set aside for you to eat with your student. Watch for upcoming dates on Parent Square.
- Breakfast and Lunch are FREE this year.



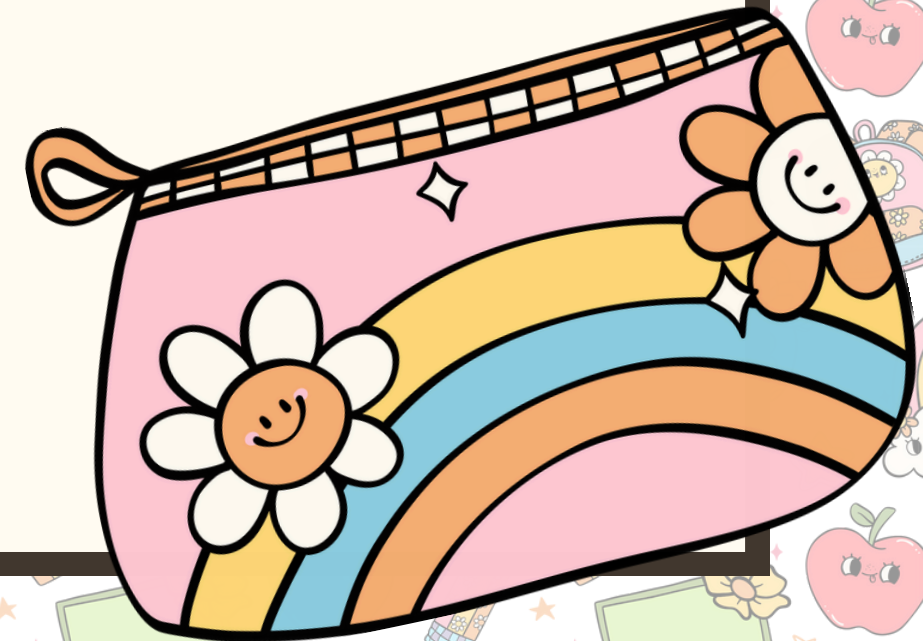
Important Information

- We must know how your student is getting home from school. ***If you need to change the way they are going home, you must send a note or a Parent Square message to their afternoon teacher.*** Please make sure your student knows how they will go home each day from school.
- Weekly info regarding what is happening in our classroom will be posted on our DPES staff webpage. This includes study resources. *All posted plans are subject to change.

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Click School Staff

Find our name and click on it.



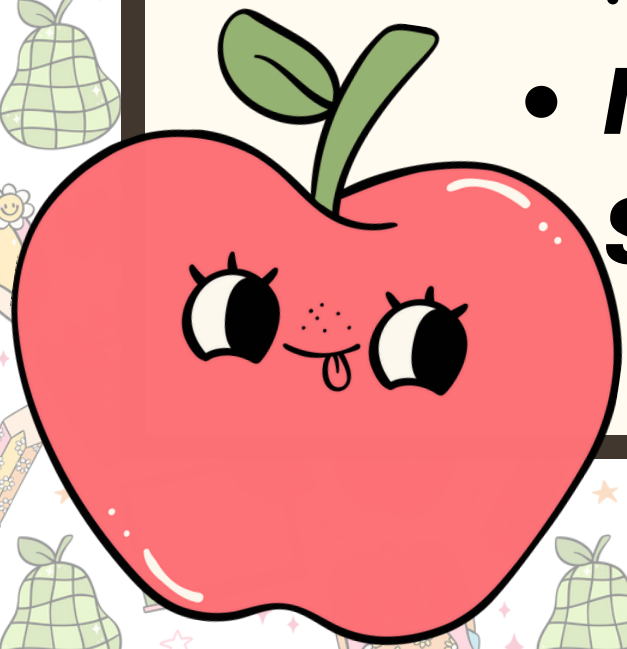
Reminders from Mr. Thornton

- Day 1: Walking child(ren) to class –8–8:30 am
Enter through the Purple Hall Doors
- All deadlines for turning money are final. No money will be accepted through the office. Please send correct change if possible. The school does not keep cash on hand.
- The front parking lot is closed daily until 8:00am and from 2:30pm–3:15pm.
- **Car rider tags are mandatory.** If you do not have one from last year, you may purchase one today for \$5 in the lunchroom.



Snack

- Your student is welcome to bring a snack from home or purchase one from school. We eat snack after P.E. each day.
- Snack can be purchased before 8:10am. The Snack Shack is located next to the lunchroom. All items are priced from .25 to \$1.25.
- ***No candy is allowed during snack time unless it is a Special Snack Day.***



Homework

Students are responsible for completing the homework and turning it in by the due date.

- **Math Homework**—given on an as needed basis, usually before tests. Homework grades are a minor grade each quarter.
- **Reading Homework**— spelling words and vocabulary words will need to be studied nightly. Additional homework may be given on an as needed basis.
- Students must set time aside daily to study for spelling, science, and social study tests.



Makeup Work and Attendance

- Good attendance is crucial to your student's success. Please limit absences, tardies, and check outs, if possible. If you know in advance of an upcoming absence, please let us know.
- Students are responsible for checking with each teacher to see what they missed when they return after being absent.
- Each classroom has a designated Makeup Work Folder Display.
- This work must be completed in a timely manner, with due dates being discussed with each teacher.



Forms

Please ensure the following forms are signed
and returned by **Friday, August 8th.**

- White Emergency Card (Must be turned in TODAY)
- Photo/Video Form
- Student Information Sheet
- Parent Compact



Let's Have a Great Year!

See you Thursday!

