

**A note from your child's teachers...**



Dear Parent/Guardians,

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer with your child.

We would like to take a moment to welcome you and your child to this new grade and class. We are delighted to be part of the fifth grade team, here at P.S. 160. We are eager to work closely with you, in the months ahead.

As you may already know, fifth graders will be part of a specific homeroom class. Students will begin and end their day with their homeroom teacher(s). They will remain with their class for the entire day as they travel to each subject. During the homeroom, students will continue to receive the support they need to in order to be successful. Please see below the list of the homeroom teachers and their respective subject areas.

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Ms. Gonzalez – Writing Workshop/Science & Social Studies  
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Ms. Benton – Math Workshop/Science & Social Studies  
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Mrs. Brown – Reading Workshop/Science & Social Studies  
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\*Ms. Pasqual will travel with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade ICT class, co-teaching alongside each fifth grade teacher.

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Ms. Bell – Students will travel during Science & Social Studies  
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With this letter, you will receive a list of supplies that your child will need for the 2016 – 2017 school year, the homework policy, and behavior contract. Please be aware that your child will need additional supplies, later in the year.

For this reason, we suggest that you stock up, while there are back-to-school sales. Please

provide your child with listed supplies no later than Tuesday, September 13th to ensure that they start the school year well prepared.

We thank you, in advance, for all of your cooperation. We're looking forward to a rewarding school year with you and your child. If you would like to reach us, please contact us at (718) 526-5523. You can also reach us via e-mail at the addresses listed above. If you would like to schedule an appointment, **Parent Engagement hours are every Tuesday, from 2:20-3:00 PM.**

In addition, you can keep up to date with class news and assignments via our website <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/> (you can download the Weebly app, for android or apple, on your phone or tablet/iPad).

**Let's have a wonderful school year!,  
The Fifth Grade Team**



*A note from your  
Literacy teacher...*



September 8, 2016

Dear Student,

Welcome back to school!!! I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I am Mrs. Brown, your Literacy teacher.

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the learning adventure ahead of us. Throughout this school year, you will learn new skills and strategies to improve your reading comprehension. You will also work on strengthening your writing skills across all subject areas.

As you may already know, assessment is an important educational tool used by teachers to measure your academic growth. This school year, you will be taking the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Common Core Assessment in ELA, in addition to school-based assessments. I will work diligently throughout the year to prepare you for these assessments and increase your academic abilities.

I strongly believe that in order for children to learn, they must be excited about learning. I promise to make this class as engaging as possible. As part of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, I will help to provide an environment that gives you an opportunity to grow academically and socially.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, feel free to speak to me directly, leave a letter in the "Letter Bin", or email me - [cbrown@ps160q.org](mailto:cbrown@ps160q.org) In addition, you can keep up to date with class news and assignments via the 5<sup>th</sup> grade website <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/> (you can download the Weebly app, for android or apple, on your phone or tablet/iPad).

I look forward to the exciting educational adventure ahead of us this school year!!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Brown

# Meet the Teacher

September 8, 2016

Dear Scholar,

I am so excited to be teaching the fifth grade this year, especially writing. I am Ms. Gonzalez, your writing teacher in room 425. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you, and growing as writers.

Writing lets you express your experiences, emotions, and knowledge to the world. It can lead to a variety of professions, and the skills you learn this year will guide you in being college and career ready for the future.

This 2016-2017 school year will be rewarding and fun. We will explore **Narrative, Informational, Persuasive, and Memoir** writing units. We will be using Teacher's College (T.C.) curriculum to learn specific strategies and format authors use to enhance their writing.

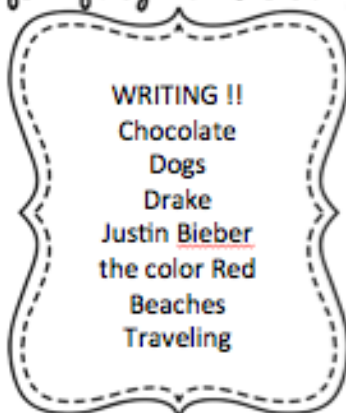
In the months ahead you will push yourself as a writer by reading a variety of texts, expanding your vocabulary, and collaborating with your peers. We will compose writing pieces we are proud of, and share our work during celebrations.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or just need a pep talk, feel free to speak with me in person.

I can also be contacted via email at: [Mgonzalez@ps160q.org](mailto:Mgonzalez@ps160q.org) .

Be sure to stay informed of class news, assignments, and 5th grade events via the 5<sup>th</sup> grade website <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/>

*A few of my Favorite Things:*



(Download the Weebly app on your phone or tablet/iPad if possible).

Let's Get **"Write"** to Work!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Gonzalez



September 8, 2016

Dear Scholars,

I am extremely excited to be teaching the 5th grade this year, especially mathematics! I am Ms. Benton, your mathematics teacher in room 428. I highly anticipate getting to know each and every one of you, and growing as mathematicians.

Mathematics lets you express your experiences and connect knowledge to the world. It can lead to a variety of professions, and the skills you learn this year will guide you in being college and career ready for the future.

I am anticipating a year full of learning and enjoying the mathematical process. We hold high expectations for each and every student. We have a passion and love for teaching that will never end. Every year the students teach us something new, just as much as we teach them new things.

As always we look forward to your cooperation in guiding, encouraging, and supporting your children and making this a wonderful school year.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, feel free to reach out to me directly, leave a letter in the "Letter Bin", or email me at [sbenton@ps160q.org](mailto:sbenton@ps160q.org)

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BY DOING A BIT OF SIMPLE  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. S. Benton



## Meet the Teacher

September 8, 2016

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grader,

Welcome back to another wonderful year of school at PS 160! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer with your family and friends. I am Ms. Bell, your teacher.

I am excited about the learning journey we are going to take together this school year. We are going to visit many learning spots along the way, and I hope you enjoy each one as much as I will! In ELA, we will continue to use our close reading strategies to help improve our reading levels and skills. In writing, we will strengthen our craft through narrative, research based, and opinion writing. In math, we will practice our multiplication skills to help us move into division, decimals, fractions and more. In science and social studies for our PBL units, we will be working in groups with Ms. Gonzalez's class to help build our community and make new friends!

As you may already know, assessment is an important educational tool used by teachers to measure your academic growth and success. This school year, you will be taking the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Common Core Assessment in ELA and Math, in addition to school-based assessments. I will work diligently throughout the year to prepare you for these assessments and increase your academic abilities.

My favorite way to teach young minds is to have fun doing it! I believe if we as a class, can find a way to work together to learn new things and strengthen previously taught skills in a fun and exciting way, we will have an overwhelmingly successful year! 5<sup>th</sup> grade is a year of growth not only academically, but also socially and personally. I will do my best to make it the best year yet!

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, feel free to speak to me directly, leave a note in my mailbox or email me - [lbell@ps160q.org](mailto:lbell@ps160q.org)  
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5<sup>th</sup> grade website <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/> (you can download the Weebly app, for android or apple, on your phone or tablet/iPad).

I look forward to the exciting educational journey ahead of us this school year!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Bell





September 8, 2016

Dear Class 531,

Welcome to 5th grade! I am one of your homeroom teachers, Ms. Pasqual. I hope you had an amazing summer--full of adventure, excitement and relaxation. I am excited to be on this educational journey with you this 2016-2017 school year with my fellow teachers, Mrs. Brown, Ms. Benton and Ms. Gonzalez.

Throughout the school day, I will be traveling with you to each content area--literacy, mathematics, writer's workshop and social studies/science. I will be there to help you in every way I can from identifying the narrator's point of view to dividing multi-digit numbers to constructing an engaging lead to your personal narrative to creating public service announcements.

This year will be a great one! Fifth grade will be a year of transition for all of us as we bridge what we have learned in the early elementary years to preparing for middle school. With this being said, I hope that you all are ready for an exciting, engaging and full of learning and fun school year.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, feel free to contact me via email, [lpasqual@ps160q.org](mailto:lpasqual@ps160q.org) or (347) 878-7491 (call or text). In addition, you can keep up to date with class news and assignments via the 5<sup>th</sup> grade website <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/> (you can download the Weebly app, for android or apple, on your phone or tablet/iPad).

Sincerely,

Ms. Pasqual





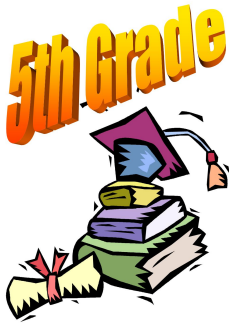
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September 2016

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Although the school year has just begun, you will soon receive notices regarding middle school. **Middle school applications are time sensitive** and distributed early in the school year. Please keep a look out for more information regarding workshops, applications and open houses. Check the 5<sup>th</sup>Grade website (<http://ps16Ograde5.weebly.com/>) regularly for updates.



As a member of the graduating class of 2017, your child will participate in senior activities. However, this comes with additional financial responsibilities. "**Senior Dues**" are currently priced at **\$200**, per student. Families may choose to make a one time payment or make **10 monthly installments** of \$20, beginning September 20, 2016



Respectfully,  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful school year with your child. In order to make this year a productive and pleasant one, it is imperative that your child comes to school with his/her supplies.

Attached you will find, a list of supplies necessary for the upcoming school year. Students will need to bring most supplies with them on a **daily basis**. However, some supplies are considered “**Community Supplies**”. These supplies will be stored by the homeroom teacher and shared amongst the class.

Your child will transition between rooms for Reading, Writing, and Math. They will carry their bookbag with them between these classes, so that they are prepared with the proper supplies.

It is imperative that your child is prepared each and every day, with their pencil case and required supplies, ready for success.

Respectfully,

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

A checklist of things every scholar should have on hand on his/her first day.

Be prepared! Print this list and check off items as you assemble your kit.

**\* = Community Property; Do Not Label with Student's Name**

## Homeroom Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$8 – Scholastic News Magazine                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bottles of hand sanitizer                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of tissues                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 flexible pencil case (will be used in all classes)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 packs of copier paper                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 USB/thumb drive (1 for <b>all</b> content areas)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 roll of paper towels                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Earbuds/Headphones (Can be purchased at dollar store)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 24 count of Crayola Crayons                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pencil sharpener with a cover (will be used in all classes)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 12 count box of Crayola frf                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 12 count box of Crayola Colored Pencils     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 clean sock (for erasing purposes)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 glue sticks                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 homework notebook (will be used for all classes)<br><b>optional</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 packs of 4" X 6" index cards                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 homework folder (will be used for all classes)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) multi- color heavy construction paper       | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of large Ziploc heavy duty storage bags | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pack of 4 dry erase markers                   |  |

## Literacy Supplies-Needed Daily for SUCCESS!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 marble composition notebooks (no spiral) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pocket sized dictionary             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pens (black or blue only)                | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 USB (can be used for other classes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 highlighter                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pad of Post-It Notes                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 folder                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 folder                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 dry erase marker                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 clean sock (to be used as an eraser)     |  |

## Writing Supplies- Needed Daily for SUCCESS !

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 sharpened pencils needed <b>DAILY</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 marble composition notebooks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 blue pens                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 highlighter                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 black pen                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 folders                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 green pen ** used for revising and editing** | <input type="checkbox"/> post it notes                  |

## Mathematics Supplies -Needed Daily for SUCCESS !

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 4 pack of dry erase markers needed <b>DAILY</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 2 pocket folders- preferably with binder clips for looseleafs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 sharpened #2 pencils needed <b>DAILY</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 3 packs of 3" X 3" post it notes                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 highlighters each different colors                | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 8 pack of crayola markers                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 4 pack of scotch tape needed <b>DAILY</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) 4 pack of glue sticks needed <b>DAILY</b>                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 marble composition notebooks                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 green ball point ink pens                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 black or blue ink pens                            |  |



**A note from your child's teachers...**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Listed below is the homework policy for our class. Please read the policy with your child so that you both understand the expectations with regard to homework. Following these guidelines will increase your child's learning and sense of responsibility.

## **Homework Policy**

- Homework is assigned every night, including weekends and holidays.
- Homework will be posted daily on the class website – <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/>
- Students should have one notebook designated to recording homework assignments.
- Assignments are checked, for completion, and recorded on a "Homework Log".
- Homework is usually reviewed during the corresponding subject lesson.
- Report Card grades will reflect missing homework assignments.
- **Late homework assignments will not be accepted.** Missed homework can and will result in an unsatisfactory grade on the report card
- Math homework must be completed in pencil and must show all work.
- Students who wish to replace a homework assignment with an earned homework pass must...
  - Create a heading for the assignment.
  - glue or staple the homework pass to the assignment prior to class submission
- Homework passes cannot be used on graded assignments such as current events, pre-write, essays, etc.

Visit us: <http://ps160grade5.weebly.com/>



## A note from your child's teachers...



### Student Expectations

In order to promote a classroom environment that is conducive to learning, we have outlined the expectations for student behavior and possible rewards & consequences. It is in your child's best interest that we work together with regard to his/her schooling. Please review this document with your child and keep it in a safe place so that you can refer to it whenever you need it.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

<u>Expectations/ Non-Negotiable</u>	<u>Response to Non-compliance</u>	<u>Rewards</u>
1. Follow Directions.	1. Verbal reminder	1. Optimal learning experience
2. Show respect for yourself and others.	2. Reflection Form/ Student-Teacher Conference	2. Verbal praise for good behavior
3. TRY YOUR BEST!!	3. Seat Change	3. Positive notes, calls, or certificates
	4. Decreased recess time	4. Extra free time on the classroom laptops and iPads
	5. Letter sent to parents.	5. Lunch with the teacher
	6. Parent Conference	6. Compliment party
	7. Meeting with school administrator	



# Student Info

(For Classroom Use Only)

**Student**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Does the student have daily Internet access to (computer/tablet)?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Health Alert** – Please list any known allergies the student has.  
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**Parent/Guardian** (Student resides with):

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_





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**CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, OR VIDEOTAPE A STUDENT FOR NON-PROFIT USE**  
(e.g. educational, public service, or health awareness purposes)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tapes of the Student named above by \_\_\_\_\_.

I also grant to \_\_\_\_\_ the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for non-profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I also hereby release the New York City Department of Education and its agents and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Student is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Signature of Student (if 18 or over): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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