

Greetings parents,

Please allow me to welcome you to the 2024/25 fifth-grade school year! For those of you who are returning parents, I'm so excited to work with you again this year. And for the new parents, I am looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that your child can achieve their highest potential. Suffice it to say, in order to be successful this year, your child will need support both at home and at school. That's where we come into play. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

A little about me. My name is Anthony Ateek, and I am a +20-year teaching veteran; all of my experience has come in Pinellas County Schools. In fact, I come from a long line of teachers, and I love watching children grow academically. I am an avid fan of baseball (Rays Up!), science, and I am keenly interested in all sorts of artistic ventures from cooking, to playing music and writing, and so much more. As partners, we share the responsibility for your child's success, and I want you to know that I will do my very best to carry out this responsibility. I've also been looking forward to making the jump back into fifth-grade. Given that I've been out of fifth-grade for the last few years, we all will work together to master this year's curriculum.

In order to guide and support your child's learning, please ensure that they:

1. Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
2. Complete all homework assignments, and get agendas signed daily.
3. Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
4. Practice their basic multiplication facts throughout the year; our curriculum will lean heavily on a base understanding of multiplication, and there will not be an opportunity to review multiplication facts after the first few days of the school year.
5. Know that you expect them to succeed in school, but also remind them that learning doesn't have to be boring, dull, or rote.

As the year progresses, the class and I will come up with the classroom expectations. Do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them. To that end, I firmly believe that communication is of the utmost importance, and do not hesitate to reach out to me via the agenda, email (ateeka@pcsb.org), or through the front office. Finally, last year we came up with a class motto "We let the dogs out" while joking around one day. That got me thinking, what can we do to help out stray, or helper, animals within our community? With all this in mind, this year the class and I will be coming up with a variety of ideas to help support local animal shelters or adoption agencies, as well as groups that train helper animals. We'll come up with some ideas together, stay tuned.

I look forward to a positive and productive school year,

Mr. Ateek

Mr. Ateek's Fifth Grade Supply List

_____ 4 Folders with prongs and pockets (1 green folder, 1 blue folder, 1 orange folder and 1 yellow folder)

_____ 2 Composition books (wide ruled)

_____ 1 three-subject notebook (with sections labeled Reading, Writing, Small Group)

_____ 1 three-subject notebook subject notebook (with sections labeled Math, Science, Science-2)

_____ 1 spiral bound journal for social studies

_____ 1 2 1/2" - 3" binder for spiral notebooks and paper

_____ 1 1" Binder (for agenda)

_____ 1 Pencil pouch with zipper and 3 holes (use in binder)

_____ 24 Pencils (sharpened)

_____ Glue sticks Colored pencils Dry erase markers (Expo Markers are great)

_____ 1 Pack of wide-rule notebook paper

_____ Ear buds or headphones in a resealable bag with your child's name.

_____ 1 Sturdy backpack

_____ A water bottle that can be cleaned, refilled, and brought back to school each day.

_____ 1 Sketchbook for art class

_____ 1 Set of watercolors for art class

_____ Sticky notes