

Welcome to 5th grade!

Dear 5th Grade Families,

My name is Ms. Small (Tory) and I am so excited to join The Mason team to teach 5th grade with this awesome group of scholars!! I am thrilled to be back teaching fully in person (with masks)! This group of students is going to do amazing things and I know they all have the skills to persevere through difficult things and difficult times.

Over the past 7 years I have been working at elementary schools in Boston. Before teaching at The Mason, I taught 5th grade at The Roger Clap! I absolutely love teaching, and can not wait to work with this fun group of 5th graders. This year we will work with your scholars to push them to their full potential because I know that each of these students is totally capable of doing amazing things!!

Throughout this year 5th graders will investigate more complex math skills including multiplication and division with decimals, fractions, volume and my personal favorite, geometry and coordinate planes! Students will challenge themselves in reading and writing beginning with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reading the novel *Esperanza Rising*. We will push ourselves to annotate complex texts, improve our reading comprehension skills, consider other perspectives, and build on each other's ideas. 5th graders will also become experts on three main writing styles, narrative, expository, and argumentative.

In 5th grade I want us to focus on showing positive leadership throughout the entire school! As the oldest grade at The Mason we have the awesome responsibility of being role models for the whole school. My goal is to have all students feel loved, supported, heard, and respected. In my classroom students are expected to be kind and caring to each other along with supporting each other to take academic and social risks. This will help us to become a strong caring classroom community!

I look forward to the school year ahead of us! Please feel free to contact me with any concerns throughout the school year.

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Love,
Ms. Small

Supplies needed for our classroom:

Paper towels

Hand sanitizer

Clorox Wipes

Clorox spray

Pencils

Lined paper

Erasers

Tissues

Band-aids

Colored pencils

Highlighters

Snacks (goldfish/pretzels)