

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

I am so pleased to welcome all my fifth grade students and their families to The City School for the 2020-2021 school year! My name is Samantha Makai and this is my second year teaching at The City School, but my first year at the Fairmount campus! I taught First Grade with Mrs. Cammarata at Spruce Hill last year. Fifth grade is such an important, fun, and challenging grade and I look forward to seeing all the growth that happens this year!

Fifth grade is full of transitions, students taking on ownership and responsibility, and preparation for middle school. Please keep track of assignments along with your child as they move toward ownership of their work and responsibility for their assignments. I intend to send newsletters home (or digitally share them) to help everyone stay up to date. I can also address any questions about the curriculum or assignments during back to school night so that you know what to expect throughout the year.

Times are different now that we have experienced a pandemic, but as possible, I am hoping to take field trips to enrich the learning that is taking place. If you are interested in potentially chaperoning, please make sure your clearances are on file. These are necessary if you plan to attend any trips or take part in other class activities.

I am praying that we can learn together in person, but if necessary, we will be using Google Classroom for online learning. With the possibility of students needing to be quarantined due to exposure to the virus, this online platform will ensure that they can still access their work and not fall behind.

I can be reached at smakai@cityschool.org and I will try to respond within 24 hours. Over the summer, feel free to send me a quick email to introduce yourself and your student!

I am looking forward to teaching your children this year as well as getting to partner with you to make this year the best one yet!

Sincerely,

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