

June 14, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to 5th grade at Dr. Tanner G. Duckrey K-8! My name is Darnell Weeks and I have the honor of being your child's classroom teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

This will be my second year teaching at Duckrey, which is also my elementary school alma mater. I have previously taught various grades and subjects in Tucson Unified School District [Arizona]. I received my Masters' Degree in Education from Arizona State University, and I am currently working toward my doctorate at Holy Family University.

This year I will be using ClassDojo, e-mail, and/or phone as a communication tool with you! I will also be sending information home from the school that will be placed inside your student's communication folder. As part of the educational team, I am asking for your knowledge and assistance to make the most of this upcoming school year.

All grades will be determined from classwork, participation, projects and assessments given in each subject and will be weighed in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the School District of Philadelphia. The most important part of the weekly homework is the 30 minutes of reading a today; assignments will be place in the students' homework folder and will be due on Fridays.

I am looking forward to partnering with you this year! You are a vital part of the educational team, so I will be looking to you to help create a welcoming culture to the classroom. Please feel free to contact me at dweeks@philasd.org or on Class Dojo if you have any additional questions!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Weeks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. Darnell Weeks  
5th Grade Teacher

**Supply List for the 2023-2024 school year:**

The following is a list of supplies that your student will need next year in the 5th grade.

Your child will need to acquire the following items to be used DAILY:

Backpack

Lunch bag – (OPTIONAL) packages or containers

2 in. three ring binder - (NOTHING LARGER)

College-Ruled lined paper (needed all year long)

2 SEPARATE 1 subject spiral notebooks, COLLEGE ruled.

A pencil pouch that contains the following: pencils, erasers,

highlighter, colored pencils, ball point pen (black or blue) and a sturdy manual  
pencil sharpener that catches the shavings.

2 2-Pocket Folders

Ear buds (no wireless) that can be kept at school. They will be returned at the end of the  
year.

The following items can be donated to the grade level:

Scissors (not rounded ends)

Fine-tipped black Sharpie markers

1 box of Kleenex (needed throughout the year; we'll ask again as supply gets low)

Baby wipes

Your student may even choose to have his/her own tape in the pencil pouch.

The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen materials. Lastly... please remind your student that cellphones/smart watches are not to be used while during instruction. As always, we appreciate your help and support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

