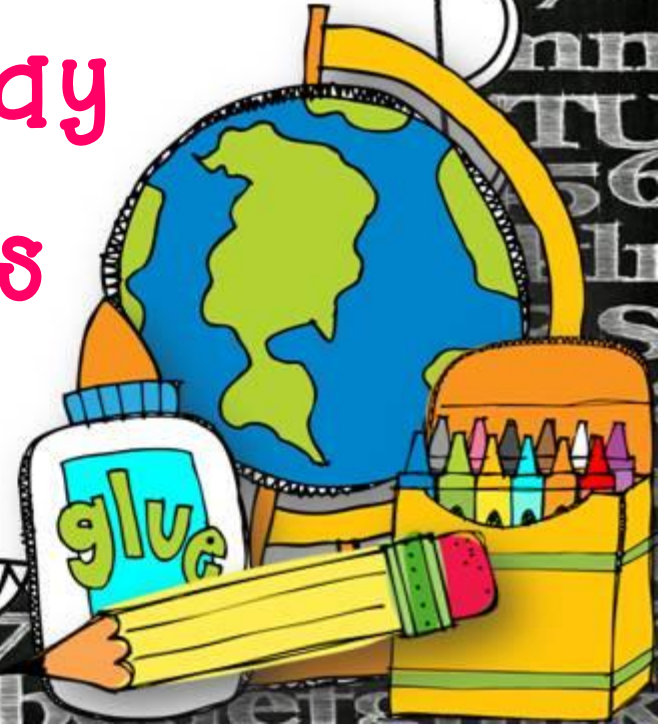


Welcome to
5th grade
with Mrs. McKay
and Mrs. Sims



About Mrs. McKay

I was born and raised in Prattville and attended Autauga County Schools. I graduated from Prattville High School in 2003. I received my Bachelors degree from AUM in Early Childhood/Childhood Education. I taught 6th grade reading/language arts for 3 years at Prattville Intermediate School.

This is my 10th year at DPES teaching 5th grade reading/language arts.



About Mrs. McKay

My husband, Rob, and I have two boys, Will and Britton. Will is a 5th grader this year, and Britton will be in 1st grade. Both boys are very active in sports, which keeps us busy.



About Mrs. Sims

I graduated from Gulf Shores High School in 2008. I received my Bachelors in Elementary Education in 2012 from The University of Alabama. I began my teaching career at Pleasant Grove Elementary teaching math and social studies to 5th graders, where I taught for 3 years. This is my 6th year at DPES teaching 5th grade math, science, and social studies.



About Mrs. Sims

My husband, Tyler, and I have two little girls. Kathryn is 3 and Rebecca is 1. I love spending time with my family and friends. We enjoy going to the river and the beach!



Contact Information

- EMAIL:
emily.mckay@acboe.net
jessica.sims@acboe.net
- WEBSITE: www.dpeseagles.com
Click "School Staff"
Find teacher's name
- SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER:
(334) 361-6400



ClassDojo

- This will be our method of communication to send out reminders, due dates, etc. as well as our classroom behavior system.
- You all have been sent an email invitation to join our ClassDojo account. Please check your spam/junk mail folder if you have not received the invitation yet.



Important Times

PE – 9:25-10:05

SNACK – 10:05-10:20

LUNCH

McKay – 12:13-12:36

Sims – 12:13-12:36



BACKPACKS

Due to Covid-19 this year, students will not be allowed to purchase/use lockers.

Since we change classes, students will not be allowed to leave their belongings in their desks.

Therefore, students will need a strong, sturdy, reliable backpack. Rolling backpacks are allowed.



Arrival

When students arrive to school in the morning, procedures will be different from in the past.

- Bus riders will be counted off and will sit in either the gym or the lunchroom prior to 7:45, before dismissing to their HR teacher.
- Car riders, walkers, and daycare will sit on the red dots in their grade level's hallway.
- Breakfast will be served in the classroom starting at 8:00.
- Snack will still need to be purchased from the snack shack before students go to their assigned location in the morning. (The Snack Shack has moved to the red hall, outside the exit door of the lunchroom.)





Dismissal

*All students will have a white sign that will be used for pick up during carpool.

*In order for your child to be picked up in the carpool line, whoever is picking them up will need to have this sign.

*If they don't have the sign, they will be asked to pull over and show their ID so that we know they are allowed to pick up this child.

*If you need an additional sign, you will need to email dpescarpool@acboe.net . Make sure to include your child's name and homeroom teacher.





Dismissal

(This is subject to change at any point in the school year!)

- 2:40 - Walkers are dismissed out the front doors
- 2:50 - Carpool will begin
- Bus riders, YMCA, and daycare will follow.



Reading/Language Arts

Each week on my website you will find all of the information you will need for any assignments/tests.

There are 3 VERY important sections:

1. The Calendar (here you will find test dates and other important dates)
2. This Week in Reading... (here you will find all of the vocabulary words and skill material for that week)
3. This Week in Language Arts... (here you will find the spelling words and grammar skill for the week)



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

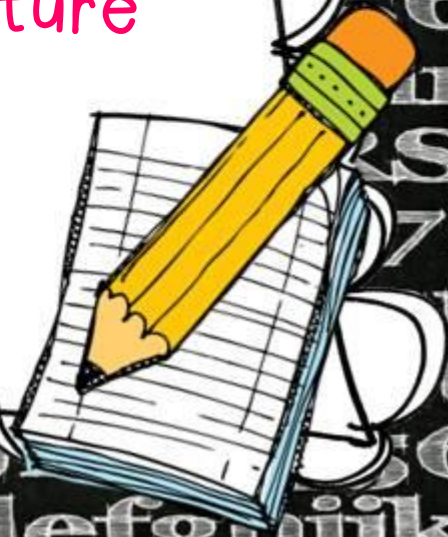
- Order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs
- Class Activation Code: HXBCL
- Catalogs will be sent home each month in their biweekly folder.
- No money will be sent to school. You will place your order online and books will be sent to the school. I will pass them out when I receive them.
- Can order for siblings as well!

Math/Science/Social Studies

Check my website each week.

At the top of my page, you will find 3 sections titled: math, science, and social studies.

Under each subject, I will have the assignments/tests that will take place each day that week. I will also list any future dates that are important under those sections.



GRADED PAPERS

Students will receive folders with their graded papers every other week, typically Thursday. All papers may be kept at home with the exception of a D or F (grade 6⁹ or below). If your child earns a D or F on an assignment, please sign the paper and return it to school.

We STRONGLY suggest you purchase INOW so that you are aware of your child's academic progress (and there aren't any surprises when progress reports or report cards are sent home!)

When purchasing INOW, please make sure you turn in your form with the money. Cost is \$10 per DPES family.

COMMUNICATION

- ClassDojo (There is a free app for you to download.)
- Teacher's Websites (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!)
- Email (Please email us directly.)





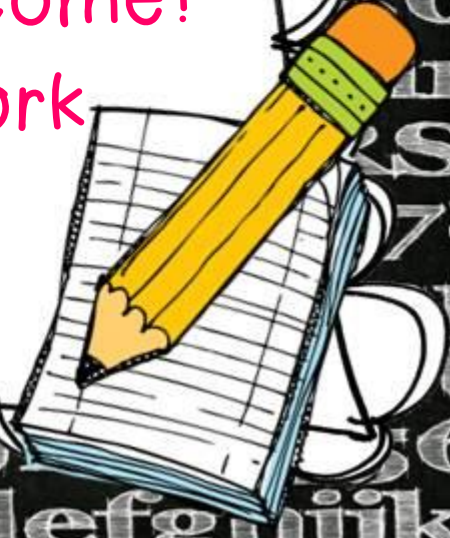
Field Trips

DUE TO COVID-19, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY
FIELD TRIPS THIS YEAR!



Reminders:

- *INOW - \$ 10 per DPES family – turn in with form
- *Birthdays – Any items sent in must be store bought and individually wrapped.
- *Class Donations are always welcome!
- *Please return all signed paperwork AND your child's folder ASAP!





Please email us with
any questions that
you may have!

We're looking forward to a GREAT
year!!!

