

Dear Room 19 Families,



Welcome to fifth grade! I hope that all of you have enjoyed your summer break, and are ready to start your last year as Pacific Panthers! (Can you believe you are fifth graders?!) We have a phenomenal year full of learning, collaboration, laughs, inquiry, and growth ahead of us.

I was very excited to get my class list last week, and to see so many familiar faces, more than half of you I already know/know of through siblings in my class, student council, and out at recess! To those of you I have not yet met, I can't wait to meet you! Here are a few fun things about me:

- I grew up in Manhattan Beach, went to Pacific, and teach in my old 5th grade classroom! Go Panthers! 
- This is my fifth year teaching 5th grade! I have also taught 2nd grade and kindergarten.
- I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, and working at Pacific is my dream job!
- I LOVE my family, the beach, reading, Mexican food, and shopping.
- My whole family lives in the South Bay area, including my brothers who are twins. It is hard to leave this beach bubble!
- I spent every summer growing up in Avalon, on Catalina Island. My first job was a beach umbrella installer (Hard work!). I still go there every summer.

I know that this year is unlike any other, but we teachers have been hard at work this summer to make it as normal as possible. All we have to do is come to our class Zooms with a positive attitude and we will all be growing, laughing, and learning together in no time. Fifth-grade at Pacific is known for our strong curriculum, rigor, preparation for middle school and beyond, and fun! :) Please rest assured that distance learning fifth-grade will be the same quality!

Our first day of school is **Wednesday, August 26th, at 8:15**. As it gets closer to the first day, I will send out more information about our schedule, supply pick-ups, etc. All students should have their school supplies ready to go for the first day. [HERE](#) is the supply list for fifth grade. If you ordered supplies through the PTA, they will be ready to go in our classroom on the day of our supply pick-up.

Communication during distance learning will be especially important, so I want to make sure that I am communicating with all parents using their preferred email addresses. With that in mind, I ask that you fill out this [PARENT EMAIL FORM](#), *even if this email has reached you at your preferred address*. It will help me to compile a class email list.

Finally, I would appreciate it if all parents would take a few minutes to fill out my Parent Survey [HERE](#). This will help me to learn a little bit more about your child before school starts.

I hope that all of you have a great last few weeks of summer, I cannot wait for us to get started! What I love most about our classroom is who I share it with, YOU!

Warmly,

 Miss Henderson