

# Welcome to Our Classroom

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Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families,

I am so excited to welcome you all to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and our Room 211 family! I am looking forward to meeting you on August 29<sup>th</sup> (and parents/guardians on August 31<sup>st</sup> for Back to School Night). Until then, I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of summer. I can't wait to hear all about your adventures!

In the meantime, I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. It's hard to believe it, but this will be my tenth year teaching and my 6<sup>th</sup> at Groveland! I graduated from Immaculata University in 2013 with teaching certifications in Elementary Education, Special Education, and Secondary English. I completed my Masters of Education at Holy Family University in 2019. As you can see, I love school, and I really do believe that 5<sup>th</sup> grade is the best year ever!

Other than teaching, my favorite thing to do is travel and I love spending time at the beach. I also love to read and write. My favorite books are the Harry Potter books. My favorite color is turquoise, and my favorite foods are chocolate chip cookies and Chick-Fil-A! I love watching lots of different sports, but Notre Dame football is my favorite! I love spending time with my family, friends, and dog, Murphy. In December, my husband and I welcomed a baby boy, Reilly, into our family. We have had the best summer with Reilly, playing in the pool, visiting the beach, and watching him learn and grow. We're definitely a little biased, but he is the cutest ever! I'm sure I'll have lots of Reilly and Murphy stories for you this year.

5<sup>th</sup> grade is an amazing year, and I can't wait to get started! Get ready to get lost in new books, explore our world through our science units (weather, nature's recyclers, and energy), study the history of early America, discover your voice as a writer, and proudly solve complex math problems. Our classroom is a place where you will grow, make mistakes and learn from them, and be challenged, but most importantly, it is a place where you can be yourself, take risks, and celebrate your success with people who are rooting for you!

I can't wait to meet you very soon. Get ready for the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen O'Brien

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# Mrs. O'Brien's 5th Grade Supply List

- 4 sturdy different colored folders
- 1 glue stick
- 1 pack of 4 multicolored highlighters
- 4 black dry erase markers
- 1 dry eraser (a sock works well, too!)
- 1 standard size pencil case – soft
- 1 package of pencils, #2, 12 count
- 1 package of colored pencils, 12 count
- Post-it notes, 3X3, 100 pad
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 large container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 pair of headphones/ear buds (wired, not wireless)
- 3 marble composition books
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (gallon or quart sized)

For art class:

- 9x12 sketchbook
- Old, oversized t-shirt for smock

Additional items for Mrs. O'Brien's class:

\* Please select an additional notebook to be used as your writer's notebook. This notebook should be sturdy, as you will use it often, but otherwise please choose a notebook that "speaks" to you. This notebook will be your place to jot down story ideas, free write, journal, and maybe even doodle or create comics! It can certainly be a traditional marble notebook, but if something a little different catches your eye, go for it! \*