



WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE AT CALEY ELEMENTARY!

We are thrilled to once again partner with the MCIU in your child's education this school year. We hope the following information will provide you with an overview of: the program, our school, and the faculty you will be working with! We look forward to a successful year with you and your student!



GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Caley Elementary and the MCIU will once again be partnering for the upcoming school year to offer this program to your students. Even though you are coming to us from various local districts, please know your child is now a Caley Kid and 100% a part of our school community!

The overarching goal of this program is to provide your child with an inclusive experience in an elementary school setting, while still being able to provide them with unique educational services geared toward their hearing needs.

The Caley homeroom teachers and the MCIU teachers work closely together all year long to provide a seamless experience each day for your child as they travel between both classes.

The following document will provide you with a general overview of the program here at Caley as well as offer some information you will need throughout the school year.

We also encourage you to visit our Caley School website (<u>https://www.umasd.org/caley</u>) and explore various aspects of our school and district as a whole. You will also find a specific section dedicated to information for the MCIU program. (<u>Click Here</u>)

We look forward to an amazing year working together with you and your child!

STUDENT DAILY SCHEDULE

The schedule below outlines the daily schedule your child will follow each day! The yellow highlighted times indicate portions of the day where the students are with their Caley homeroom and the blue highlighted portions indicate when they are with the MCIU classroom.

FIRST GRADE DAILY SCHEDULE	
8:40-8:55	Student Arrival
8:55-9:15	Morning Meeting
9:20-10:20	Language Arts
10:20-10:30	Snack
10:30-11:00	Extension/Writing
1 1:05-1 1:45	EXCEL
1 1:50-1:00	Math
1:05-1:50	LUNCH and RECESS
1:55-2:35	SPECIAL
2:35-3:20	Content - Social Studies and Science
3:20 - 3:30	<u> Pismissal</u>

Will I receive **email communication** from the homeroom teacher and MCIU program?

You will receive communication from both the homeroom teacher and the MCIU program throughout the entire year. Since your child will be fully included for class parties, special events, and general classroom content, the homeroom teacher will reach out to you regarding those topics. The homeroom teacher will also frequently send out emails to the entire class, and sometimes information in those emails might not pertain to your child - if it is in reference to items like homework or assessments, for example. So please read through the emails very carefully and remember that topics pertaining to academic content may not always be pertinent to your child.

What **homework** should I complete and who will administer academic **assessments** to my child?

Mrs. Hudrick and the MCIU program will be providing your child's homework each week. If there is a special assignment or project that your student is completing in their homeroom you will be notified, but during a typical week they will not complete assignments or homework from the homeroom teacher, so please disregard any homeroom communication referencing those assignments. Mrs, Hudrick will be administering all assessments, since your child is receiving their math and language arts content instruction in her classroom.

Who will complete my child's Trimester Progress Report?

The progress report that will come home at the end of each trimester will be filled out by both the homeroom teacher and Mrs. Hudrick. The homeroom teacher will complete the "Approaches to Learning" section as well as Science and Social Studies and Mrs. Hudrick will complete the English Language Arts and Mathematics sections.

Who will my child be with during **lunch**, **recess and special**? Your child will be with their Caley homeroom class during lunch, recess and special. They will be fully included during these portions of their day.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my child have access to the homeroom Schoology platform?

Your child will have access to the homeroom Schoology platform, which is where they will access the homeroom teacher's Zoom link and any other classroom assignments specific to their homeroom. Mrs. Hudrick's class will not have a course on Schoology and will utilize other digital resources.

If I am from another school district how do snow days work?

If you live in a school district, other than Upper Merion, you will need to monitor both your home district and Upper Merion for decisions regarding weather. If Upper Merion is open, but your home district is not, you are welcome to still come to school, but transportation may not be provided. You will need to confirm the specifics of those unique situations with your home district's transportation department.

How will be child receive **transportation** to and from school?

If you live within Upper Merion Area School District, you will be bused through our transportation department. If you live in another district, they will be contacting you about your transportation to and from Caley each day!