

# A Message to Parents from the Bailey Specialists

Dear Bailey E.S. Families:

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year. We have an exciting year planned for your kids! Please take the time to review the following messages from the Bailey Specialists.



## Art Class

Hello! I love teaching art, making art, and inspiring kids' creativity.

### Things to note about Art class:

- Students will be learning about artists and cultures, how to look at artwork, how to talk about artwork, and how to make art. Art grades will be based on everything we are learning and doing in Art class.
- **Behavior** expectations for Art are based on the school-wide behavior program (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports or PBIS). Students are expected to behave using "TEAM":
  - **Timely.** Follow directions quickly—complete goals on time. Set up & clean up on time.
  - **Effort.** Stay focused, participate in all art activities, and try your best.
  - **Attitude.** Work towards your goal. Be positive. Be kind.
  - **Model.** Show others how to be a good student. Follow school and classroom rules.
- Good art takes time. Students will have art only once every 8 days, so you may only see art go home for a few weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [risseje@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:risseje@nv.ccsd.net) or call 702-799-7510 Ext. 3025.

Thank you,

**Ms. Risser**, Art Specialist



## Physical Education

Hi! Mrs. Garay and I are the Physical Education teachers at Bailey E.S. My goal as Bailey's physical education teacher is to enrich the lives of students with physical activities, and teach students about health and nutrition, as well as sportsmanship, kindness, safety, and perseverance through a growth mindset. Through hands-on activities, mentoring, modeling, and presentations students will discover a world of fun activities, organized sports, as well as health and fitness. We will develop the fundamental movement skills that will form the foundation for organized sports. Students will play various games and activities daily that will encourage good sportsmanship, teamwork, and a positive mindset, as well as learning why these things are important.

**Grading:** Class grades will be based on participation, effort, appropriate behavior, fitness gram testing, and summative assessments.

**Dress Code:** Please follow these guidelines for the safety of students:

- **Must** wear athletic shoes. **No** open-toed sandals, boots, platform shoes, or Crocs.
- Clothes must fit properly and comfortably.
- Dresses are acceptable but must have shorts/leggings underneath.

**Injuries/Medical Conditions:** If your child is sick or has a medical condition that will keep them out of P.E. a doctor's note is required. The student must provide written approval to return to activities in P.E. class.

**All students will be required to participate in daily activities and bring a positive team attitude each day.**

I look forward to a very productive year and value the opportunity to make an impact on your child's life.

Thank you,

Coach Deiana, Physical Education Specialist

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## Library

Hello! Mrs. Gafforini and I are very excited to be here at Bailey to work with your child(ren) on library, literacy, and research skills this year. We will be enjoying a variety of literature, participating in research, learning to use the library catalog and navigate the library, and so much more!

- Every student in 1st grade will be allowed to check out one book per rotation on their reading level.
- Students in grades 2-5 may check out 2 books every rotation. One book must be on their reading level, and one book may be a free choice book on a different level.
- Kindergarten students will check out 1 book to leave at school in their classroom while they learn proper book care and responsibility.

***1st- 5th grade students must have a completed permission slip before your child is allowed to check out from the library.*** (If you signed a permission slip last year, you do not need to do so again this year.) This is a great opportunity for us to discuss responsibility with the children! Materials must be returned, or paid for if lost or damaged, for the student to continue to check out. If a student owes a book either here at Bailey or at a previous school, a notice is given to teachers to send home. Please help your child take care of these as soon as possible, as we want all our Bailey Broncos to check out and enjoy using their library!

Thank you, Mr. Vanides, Librarian  
[vanidmn@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:vanidmn@nv.ccsd.net)



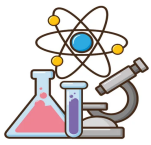
## Computer Science

Hello Parents and Guardians. My name is Mr. St. John, and I will be your child's computer science teacher this school year. While in my class, your child will practice a variety of technology skills including keyboarding and mouse skills, digital citizenship, internet research, multimedia, productivity tools, Google apps, coding, and much more. I hope that your child finishes this school year with a much better understanding of how to use a computer safely and efficiently as well as why it's important to know how to use a variety of technologies in this digital age.

Our class webpage is [www.protopage.com/mjstjohn](http://www.protopage.com/mjstjohn). If your child has computer access at home and would like to review some of the activities we have done in class and/or practice some additional skills, feel free to have him/her access the site. Also, please feel free to access the site yourself to see what your child is working on in our class throughout the year.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at [stjohmj@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:stjohmj@nv.ccsd.net) or 702-799-7510 Ext. 3061.

Thank you,  
Matthew St. John



## Science

Hi! I am Mrs. Thorson, I am excited to be the new Science Specialist at Bailey ES this year! I have experience with kindergarten, first grade, and fourth grades in my 18 years of teaching. I look forward to having students engage in a science curriculum that allows for hands-on activities to a problem to research plans that best fit a solution to that situation or engineering design. They will have opportunities to work cooperatively with their peers, and independently with digital modeling tools, and hone their written and verbal responses throughout their research and activities. All while understanding what it takes to become an engineer, designer, and scientist. It will be an exciting time of learning and growth for your child in the Science Lab!

**Behavior** expectations for Science are based on the school-wide behavior program (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports or PBIS). Students are expected to behave using "TEAM":

- **T**imely-Follow directions quickly and complete tasks and clean up quickly.
- **E**ffort- Stay focused and try your best.
- **A**ttitude- Have a positive mindset and be kind to others.
- **M**odel-Show respect to others in all interactions and don't be afraid to ask for help.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Thorson, Science Specialist  
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## Music

Aloha Parents and Guardians,

My name is Ms. Hepa and I am excited to be Bailey's Musical Performance Specialist this year at SRJ Bailey ES! I have an exciting year planned for your child this year. Our music motto this year is "Music is Memory." Research shows that music can activate parts of the brain associated with memory, emotion, and motor coordination, which can strengthen those areas and keep brain pathways healthy. Music can also help students develop cognitive and intellectual skills, literacy, and language. I am excited to see your child grow and learn through musical performance this year! I am also excited to be the music director of Bailey's Performing Arts Club or BPAC. Also to offer ukulele classes for children 3rd through 5th grade.

**Behavior** Expectations for Music:

- Make good choices
- Use your best voice.
- Sing your heart out.
- Involve yourself in all activities.
- Care for each other and Clean up together

Thank you,  
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