

“P.S. 81 The Bronx”

because it was cooler
than the oven
we called our classroom

Except for the occasional
thwump and bang of the boiler

clear water licking
at my toes.

beach,
white glistening sand
a cool breeze

Imagery

I pressed my steaming face
against the cold
ceramic tiles

Which is the only sense missing
of the five senses?