

Welcome to Fifth Grade!

Here are some notes on what you can expect for the next fantastic school year in fifth grade:



Expectations

We expect students to come to school and be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn in a safe manner. Doing things in a positive way will make our adventure in fifth grade an exciting and fun experience for everyone.

Funny Money System

The fifth grade uses a money system throughout the school year. There are ways to earn and lose money. Ways to earn money include classroom jobs, individual and team challenges, birthday and holiday rewards, and Flea Market sales. Ways to lose money include breaking "Monks" (our code of silence during morning announcements, hallway time, etc.), breaking classroom procedures or rules, and paying copy fees for lost papers. Periodically throughout the year, taxes are paid. Students can claim "deductions" for certain donations to the classroom, like supplies for the classroom, class parties, and canned food drives. Students will also have the opportunity to open bank accounts later in the school year. Please note: money is never received or taken in association with grades.

Planners

Students will have a daily planner in which they record all assignments for the day. The assignments are posted on the SmartBoard for them to copy. These are to be brought home each night, signed by a parent, and returned the next day. The planner can be a great communication tool between home and school.

Curriculum

- **Reading and Writing:** We will be using the *Wonders* program as the base of our reading and writing instruction. Our reading program includes interactive read-alouds, shared reading mini-lessons, differentiated instruction with small guided reading groups and literature circles, independent reading, word study, grammar, written responses and full essays.
- **Math:** We will cover many units including fractions, decimals, geometry, division, probability, data, and statistics. We will also work to improve students' multiplication and division facts.
- **Science:** We will be doing various science activities throughout the school year. Our science curriculum is inquiry-based and very hands-on. Our units of study are on the solar system, forces and motion, body systems, and evolution/heredity.

- **Social Studies:** We will be learning about the history of America through the American Revolution. We also will study how the American government was formed. We will be completing several projects to help make social studies come to life for the kids.

Contacting Me

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. We look forward to getting to know your child and working with you.

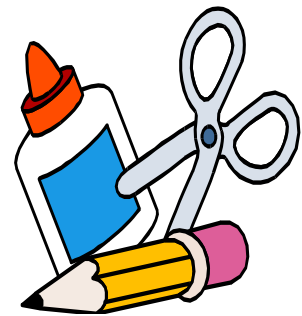
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Suggested Supply List for 5th Grade

- Black Dry-Erase Markers and an eraser (an old sock will work) for individual white boards
- Glue Sticks
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- A roll of paper towels - no sinks up here!
- Ziploc Bags-Gallon Size
- Band-Aids
- Mechanical or #2 Pencils
- 4 Two-Pocket Plastic Folders—no specific colors
- Three Composition Notebooks (100 pages)
- Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener—enclosed, please!
- Pencil Pouch
- Envelope or pouch for holding "Funny Money"—some students like to create and decorate their own pouch
- Water Bottle



*Please note that binders do not fit in our desks.
Back packs with wheels will not fit in the lockers.*