

**Welcome to 5th Grade**

We would like to welcome all of our students and parents back for a wonderful school year. We hope that all of you had a fun and restful summer! We know that you and your child have a lot of questions about what to expect this school year. In this welcome letter, we have included what to expect in 5th grade and our goals & expectations. We know that strong parent and teacher communication is the key to your child’s educational success. A great way to contact us during the school day is by email or ClassDojo. If you call, please leave a message and we will return your call within 24 hours. Have a great year and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call, email or send us a note.

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**What to expect in 5th Grade?**

Our goal for fifth grade is to give your child the academic and social skills needed to progress to sixth grade and beyond successfully. Also, we want to provide a supportive, fun, and safe classroom environment that will help your child become a lifelong learner and productive member of the school community. In fifth grade, your child is expected to take ownership of his/her learning and to be able to be more independent in completing tasks given to him/her. Our goal is to teach responsibility and accountability. Students will become critical thinkers and work cooperatively to discover the answers to their questions. This year, our grade level will be departmentalized. Mrs. Lambert will teach Language Arts, Mr. Armstrong will teach Math, and Ms. Hill will teach Science and Social Studies.

**Homework/Assessments**

 **Homework is assigned Monday through Friday**. Occasional projects may be assigned as well. Daily report sheets are also considered homework and **should be returned the next day signed**. If any part of the homework is not returned or is incomplete, this will affect your child’s final grade. For assessments, we will use a variety of tests including I-Ready and weekly tests/quizzes. Classwork and classroom participation will also be used in determining final averages.

**Behavior/Daily report sheet**

 5th grade will use ***ClassDojo*** to monitor and track conduct/behavior. Each Monday, your child begins the week with 100 conduct points. Conduct points are then deducted based on specific infractions. We will send information home regarding how to track your child’s behavior on the *ClassDojo* system. Also, on each Monday, a daily report sheet will be given to your child. This sheet is to be used to copy daily homework assignments and other essential information. **Please review and sign this sheet nightly to ensure ALL homework assignments have been completed by your child.**

**Progress Reports**

 We will send home progress reports after the fourth week of the nine weeks. Please sign and return the required copy of the progress report.

**Report Cards**

 When you receive your child’s report card you may keep it at home for your records, but please **return the signed report card jacket** the next day.

**Grading Policy/Projects**

 Core subject grades are calculated as follows: Homework- 15%, Tests- 35%, Quizzes - 25%, and Classwork/Participation- 25%. Students are expected to complete all class work in a neat and timely manner. Students will be given 1 reminder for missing assignments. If not submitted, a grade of **0** will be recorded. If your child is absent for any reason, he/she **must ask** for missed assignments when they return. These assignments are to be completed and turned in no later than one week from the return date. Projects assigned will be counted through teacher’s discretion and can be counted as more than one grade. **No extra credit will be given to students,so please encourage your child to work hard to complete all assignments.** Students will also receive numerical grades in computer technology, music, and physical education.

**Classroom Community**

We are a community of classrooms. In our community, we have rules to help us get along with each other. These rules are mandated by Southside Elementary and our 5th grade team.

Our class rules include, but are not limited to the following:

* + I will listen and follow directions the first time given.
	+ I will disagree respectfully.
	+ I will keep my hands and my feet to myself at all times.
	+ I will raise my hand and wait for permission to speak.
	+ I will respect myself, my classmates, and all adults.
	+ I will follow the dress code daily.

**Contract**

 After you have read the information provided in this welcome letter, please sign and date it below. Thank you for trusting us with the education of your child this year! We know that this will be a year that you and your child will always remember.

 Best regards,

 **Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Hill, Mrs. Lambert**

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**PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT**

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 (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read and reviewed the “Welcome Letter”

 (Print Student’s Name)

with my child. I understand that it is important for me to work with my child nightly to complete all homework assignments, read and return all information sent home, including, but not limited to, their daily report sheet. I also understand the importance of parent/teacher communication and I will notify the 5th grade team of any concerns I have regarding my child’s education.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_