

What should I know about being in 5th Grade?

Classroom Expectations

Expectations are clear and high, but attainable by all. Students are to remain respectful and considerate to all students and staff at all times. They will use manners when speaking to adults and each other, while abiding by the school's code of conduct. My students will be responsible for all of their actions, both physical and verbal, while accepting the consequences when necessary. Fixing their behavior is also an option through our Classroom Economy program. Students are to be on time and prepared for class everyday with assignments completed. They will be expected to put forth their best effort during all instructional time and to make the most of every educational experience offered to them.

At Home Expectations

As your student's caregiver, I believe it is your responsibility to take an interest and active role in your child's education. In 5th grade, students are learning to gain a sense of responsibility and independence for their schoolwork and overall education. Therefore, keeping your student accountable for in, and out of class assignments, as well as their behavior while in my classroom, is greatly appreciated. Your student's grades are accessible for you to view through Powerschool using your username and password. I recommend that you sign up for weekly updates regarding any missing, incomplete, or failed assignments. If at any time you are unsure how to help your student or would like an update on your student's academics or behavior, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Tutoring

Tutoring will be available for students on who would like extra help in particular subject, topic, or simply want extra practice. After the first quarter, please contact the content teacher for further assistance and guidance.

Canvas

As a fifth grade student it is important to learn how to stay organized and on top of all assignments. This website will be available for students and parents to view upcoming events, classroom reminders, test dates, and other valuable information. Please check this daily for updates.

Classroom Rules

1. I believe in myself and my abilities to do my BEST!
2. I embrace challenges and mistakes because they help me learn.
3. I can learn. I will learn. I must learn.
4. Today I will listen, speak, read, and write.
5. I will work as a T.E.A.M. because together everyone achieves more.
6. I will be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.

Miscellaneous Info

Birthdays: Celebrating these special days are so exciting and are welcome in our room. Per school policy, all treats must be store bought. Also, you will need to notify me a day in advance that you will be coming so I can give you the best of my attention. Students will only be permitted to share treats with their homeroom classroom to avoid interruptions. **NO INVITATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE PASSED OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, UNLESS ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED.**

Visiting: Per school policy, you will not be permitted to visit with me, or your child, without an invitation or prior notice. I certainly welcome you to our classroom, but need to be able to give you the best of my attention, while still allowing students a meaningful education experience.

Grading Scale: Please also refer to my website for this information, but below is a basic translation:

100-93 A

92 - 85 B

84 – 76 C

75 – 70 D

69 or below F

**Assignments submitted late will lose 5 points per day and will not be accepted after 5 school days have past. Absences will be give one school day per day absent to complete the work.

Contacting your Teacher

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student, please do not hesitate to contact me through email or by leaving a message on my school phone. I will do my best to return communication with 24 hours Monday – Friday. Please know that I am here for you and your student!

Daily Schedule

Our day begin will begin promptly at 8:30am and will end at 3:28pm. You will find an electronic copy of my schedule on my Canvas site. If your student is tardy they are starting their day feeling rushed and may have additional homework assignments or require detention to make-up this lost class time.

Classroom Economy System

This year students will be participating in a classroom economy system to help prepare them for their JA BizTown Experience. Students will have expenses, earnings, fines, and potential debt all based upon their daily behavior, participation, and classroom achievement. Everyone will also be asked to share in the responsibility of maintaining our classroom by holding a leadership position. Finally, students will be able to spend their money in our classroom store to purchase supplies, small trinkets, homework passes, and more.

Homework Policy

Homework will be given weekly/bi-weekly and is a direct reflection of that week's covered content. It is crucial that students utilize this homework as review and practice. All homework assignments will be given on Monday and are to be completed by the due date. I will look for effort, critical thinking, and completion. Homework could include worksheets, writing assignments, projects, and online assignments. All homework should take around 50 – 60 minutes (10 minutes per grade). Each day an assignment is late, 5 point will be deducted. After 5 school days of not turning in the assignment, the assignment will automatically receive a zero.

Homework MUST be signed by parents to receive full credit on homework. Any unsigned homework will result in an 80% or less depending on effort and completion.

Below is our Homework Policy:

1st – A fine of \$5 and turned in without a late grade within 1 school day.

2nd – Silent lunch in the classroom, late grade, parent contact

3rd – Lunch detention, Late grade, parent contact,

4th – lunch detention, Grade of zero, parent contact, office referral, ISS to complete the work

Discipline Policy

Students will be responsible for all of their actions and behaviors, both verbal and physical. All students will be treated equally when assessing fines for misbehavior and rewards for showing responsibility. If misbehavior occurs, parents will receive communication via email or phone and a reflection sheet will be sent home for you to sign. Consequences could include, but are not limited to a fine, lunch detention, moving seats, or an after-school detention. If necessary, administration will be involved and a behavior contract will be set in place. All student deserve to learn in a safe and controlled classroom environment, therefore discipline is enforced and rewarded appropriately.

Please detach this bottom portion and return to your homeroom teacher by Friday August 21st as your first financial reward.

By signing below, we agree to the above policies and will abide by these for the entire 2015-2016 school year. As a student, I know that it is my responsibility to check my agenda for homework assignments, email my teacher with questions, and accept the consequences if I make poor choices. As a parent, I understand that it is my responsibility to encourage my child to complete their homework and assist when necessary. I will also be responsible for checking my child's grades on Powerschool to follow-up with any missing or late assignments.

Parent Signature

Student Signature