

Spelling: Students will receive new words every Monday. A pre-test will be given and we will correct it together. This will go home and should be used to study. If your child earned 100% on the pre-test, he/she will not have to take the final test on Friday.

Math: In Math we will cover: multiple-digit multiplication, division, measurement, geometry, and fractions. Problem solving and application of common core math skills will be stressed. Using calculators to complete assignments is unacceptable but can be used to check their work. Math homework is the only assignment that can be redone to aide in understanding and to raise the grade.

Language Arts: Language Arts covers the writing process and grammar. Good sentences and proper paragraph structure will be emphasized. The 6 + 1 Traits of writing will be taught and practiced. The traits are: Word Choice, Voice, Conventions, Ideas, Sentence Fluency, and Organization. Grammar lessons will be taught to enhance writing skills. Students will also explore several genres of writing.

Reading: Our reading program is literature based. All students will read different genres and write responses to their reading. We will work as a whole group as well as in small reading groups. We will read short stories and novels throughout the year. Students are also expected to have a novel of their own choice available to read in class everyday during silent reading time.

Science: We will be using the Discovery Science program as our "tech"book. Directions on how to access this techbook at home can be found on the class website. Science will be taught through weekly centers. Monday we will outline the concept for the week. Tuesday-Thursday students will rotate through up to 6 centers. Friday we will take a quiz. A test will be given at the end of each unit. All of the important information your student will need to know will come from the techbook, investigation/experiments, center work, and the occasional video. A study guide for the test will also be provided.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, your student will be learning about the United States geography, history, and government. We will be learning about our country from the time of the Paleo Indians to the signing of the constitution. Students will take notes during daily lectures. Activities and homework will be assigned. Regular review during the chapter will help for clarification. Study guides are given for each chapter to aide in preparing for a test. Multiple choice questions as well as written responses are part of the testing process.

5th grade Policies

Tests: Tests are always announced in advance. The dates will be noted on the calendar and students are responsible to write the dates in their assignment books. You will also find test dates in my newsletter and on the class web site. TESTS MAY NOT BE RETAKEN. If a student scores below 70% the test must be signed and returned the next day.

Absent Work: If your child is absent, their work will be listed for them on an absent sheet. They will have one day for everyday they are absent to complete the work.

Progress Reports: Students will receive progress reports at the five-week point of each marking period. These are to be signed and returned to school the following day.

Homework Policy: Students have class time to complete their assignments. Whatever is unfinished is considered homework. Papers must be neat and have their name, number, date, and assignment on them.

1 day late- 10% off & detention
2 days late- 20% off & detention
3 days late- 0% & detention

Home~School Expectations

Agenda:

- filled out and taken home daily
- signed on Fridays (until told otherwise)

Accordian/Expandable File:

- kept neat and organized
- all work and notes stored in here
- taken home daily for homework review and studying

Consequences and Rewards

Detention (loss of 2nd recess)

A student will receive a detention if they:

- have late or missing work
- Break class/school rules
- do not get required items signed

10 Point Prize:

Class reward system

- If 10 points are earned the class will get a special reward

Field Trip:

Detroit Science Center
(date to be determined)

5th Grade Teachers

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