

WELCOME to

5th and  
6th Grade !

# Reading- Mrs. Rodenberger

Reading class is very structured with certain activities, which are always labeled by WEEK. Each week we do a story/article called the “Weekly Reading Review.” Typically I will grade the practice for the week, as well as a quiz (one or the other, or both may be taken as a grade in Powerschool). You will see the printed story or article of the week in their Reading folders.

Often we will also do a worksheet called “180 Days of Reading.” This is also listed by the week. It is reading and grammar skill practice. It is given at the beginning of the week and is due by class on Friday.

Novel studies will be done on rotation with small groups. Typically we will spend 3-4 weeks on a whole class novel with corresponding activities. We are starting Hatchet (Paulsen) in 6th grade and Frindle (Clements) in 5th. After the completion of the novel, we will then do a 3-4 week rotation of small group meetings to polish up our reading skills. While I meet with groups of students, the rest of the class will do independent work.

Independent reading and logs - students will be required to have a library book to read at all times. We will be keeping a record of what each child is reading and will be discussing these in small group.

**Due to the structure of my class, students should know the items they are likely missing if they are absent. Everything can be found on my google classroom by checking out the announcements on the “stream” as well as the “classwork” and items listed underneath the current week.**

# Written Expression- Mrs. Zachrich

## **WRITTEN EXPRESSION:**

Written expression will consist of language and writing essays. Language skills will be taught and reinforced weekly through 5-a-Day Language Review. This will be done daily in class. Students will be required to review their 5-a-Day slides each night so they will be prepared for the quiz on Friday. Each Friday students will have a quiz over information learned throughout the week. Students will have a packet of notes on the stream in Google Classroom to help learn each Language standard. As a 5th grader, your child will write opinion essays and informational/explanatory essays. As a 6th grader, your child will write argumentative essays and informational/explanatory essays. These will always be done in class. Students will take notes on a google doc and type their final product on a google doc. (Essays may need to be finished at home due to not staying on task in class or being absent.)

## **ABSENCE/MISSING WORK:**

When students are absent, they need to check their email often. I will send an email to the students and parents with any missing assignments. Students are required to complete work they miss while absent. Students will have the same amount of days to turn in missing work, as the amount of days they are absent. However, please try and get missing work completed at home so your child is not falling too far behind. Failure to turn in late work on time will result in an after-school detention.

# Math- Mrs. Pester

**Weekly Happenings:** Students complete a warm up question at the beginning of each class period. They will have a short quiz over these questions each Friday. They will also be using IXL to reinforce the skills that we are learning. I will assign 2-3 activities on Friday and they will be due the following Thursday.

**Math Notebook-** We do not have a textbook that we use, instead the students are creating their own Math Notebook. We will continue to add notes and example problems as we go through the year. I have a digital version of the notebook linked on Google Classroom in the coursework section. If they are absent, then can check there to see the day's notes.

**Google Classroom-** I will post assignments and important information on Google Classroom, please be sure to check it often and remind your student to check it if they are absent.

**Homework-** I do not plan on assigning much homework, however, students may need to finish something at home if they did not get it finished during class. Their math notebook will be a good resource to find notes and example problems if they have any questions with homework.

\*It is very important, especially in math, to stay on top of assignments. Due to the nature of math and the way one skill builds on another, it becomes very hard to catch up if you fall behind.

# Social Studies- Mr. Baker



5th Grade Social Studies is about early American History (prehistoric, to the American Revolutionary War against the British). Most of the grades in this class will be: tests, projects, and Google Classroom assignments. Students are allowed to ask me for one extra credit assignment per quarter. Extra credit is not mandatory. If you miss my class for any reason, please check your Email. I will let the students know what they need to do for me. Every time we complete a section, there will be a Test. Students will always have a study guide with the questions and answers on it. Therefore, it should be easy to succeed on my Tests.

6th Grade Social Studies is about world geography & world history (especially in Europe, Asia, and Africa), and culture (governments, religions, etc.). Most of the grades in the class will be: quizzes, tests, projects, and Google Classroom assignments. Students are allowed to ask me for one extra credit assignment per quarter. Extra credit is not mandatory. If you miss my class for any reason, please check your Email. I will let the students know what they need to do for me. Every time we complete a section, there will be a Quiz or Test. Students always have a study guide with the questions and answers on it. Therefore, it should be easy to succeed on my Tests and Quizzes.

# Science- Mr. Roberts

## **Science Topics and Lessons**

We will be covering 3 main topics in Science for each grade level.

5th - Food Chains and Webs, Light and Sound Energy, The Solar System

6th - Atoms and Elements, Rock Cycle and Soil, Cells

Each day's lesson and activity is posted on google classroom. This is where students that are absence can also find their work. All graded work is given a points value with homework being a lower point value than test/quizzes which have a higher point value. This will determine the overall grade for each quarter. Students and Parents can check grades on Powerschool.

## **Homework**

Students will not have much homework for science. Generally, they only have homework if they were not able to complete the assignment during class time. If they are able to stay focused and complete the work in class they will not have to finish it later at home. So, I always encourage students to work hard in class. Students can always use their science notes to help with homework. If homework is not done students may get an after school detention or lose of incentive points. Students are to turn in all work on google classroom. If they do not, I will not be able to grade it and it may be considered late or missing.

## **Projects**

We do both in class and at home projects for science class. In class projects will be explained and worked on in class only. There will be at least one at home project that will only be worked on at home. More information will be shared about this later.