



Mrs. Ly's 5th Grade Back to School Info

Welcome to the new school year and to 5th grade! First and foremost, I want to sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your children this year. I have enjoyed getting to know them these past few days, and they make my job a lot more fun! They truly are a sweet group of kids, and I feel fortunate to be their teacher. I look forward to not just teaching them but learning from each of them, and establishing relationships with each of them.

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This "Back to School" Newsletter is to keep you informed regarding what to expect during your child's last year at Edgar Road. In addition to this newsletter, you will receive monthly newsletters from me, keeping you informed with what is happening in our classroom! I will also be including information from the other 5th grade teachers regarding Science/Social Studies and Math. At times, I will attach other important documents or information to the email. At any time, feel free to contact me with questions. My goal this year is to have open communication with everyone.

Paper versus Electronic - Rather than sending a paper newsletter every other week, my goal is to incorporate regular email correspondence regarding classroom updates, news, and other important information. Should you wish to receive a PAPER copy of these updates, rather than electronic, please let me know and I will be sure to send you a hard copy of these class updates.

Friday Expectations Sheet – On Fridays, a behavior sheet will be sent home. **This sheet is to be signed and returned every Monday.** This will be a way for us to communicate if there were any missed assignments, behavior concerns, etc. **Please look for this sheet every week.**

Other Teachers – Mr. Eckrich is the Math teacher, and Mr. Hunsinger is the Sci / S.S. teacher. Feel free to email them with any questions or concerns. They will be sending updates about their subject area, and I will forward this information to you. Mr. Wehmeyer and Mrs. Mitchell are the 5th grade aides. They help with student interventions and recess/lunch duty. I work with your child in reading and writing.

Class Schedule:

Mondays – Art

Tues. & Fri. – PE / Music

Wednesdays – Library

Thursdays – PE

Spelling – Spelling words are given on Friday afternoons. Your child can study over the weekend for the pretest on Monday. If he/she gets 100% on the Monday pretest, then he/she is exempt from spelling practice homework throughout the week as well as the Thursday spelling test. If not, spelling homework is assigned and the words are tested on Thursdays. Spelling started this week. If your child needs access to the spelling words, he or she can access them on spelling city (see below).

Spelling City – Students can access the weekly spelling lists and practice their spelling words using www.spellingcity.com/ericaly1. The lists are posted, students can print the spelling words, and play games to practice their spelling. The spelling city link can also be found on my website.

Writing - The students will be working with me this year in writing. We will have several different projects ranging from personal narratives, informational, persuasive, poetry, and fiction. Sometimes students will be writing in their writer's notebooks, other times they will type using their google account. We also will practice 21st century presentation skills and design other ways to share our learning with research. It will be a lot of fun!

Reading – As readers, the students will have books and reading journals to complete. Sometimes we will work on a book together as a class – other times we will work on a book independently or with a small group. Developing reading stamina is a very important part to success this year. The students have approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to work on their reading work in class each day. A big chunk of this time is spent reading to themselves, and writing about the text. To help with reading stamina, encourage your child read to themselves for an extended period of time at home. This can be a struggle for some 5th graders. **After**

reading, ask your child questions about what he or she has read (see below for some examples):

For Fictional texts:

- Who was the main character? Tell me about them.
- Describe the setting (time and place)?
- What was the problem in the story? How was the problem solved?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Can you make a connection to the story?
- Describe cause and effect relationships.
- Do any of the characters change in the story?
- Is the title a good choice for the book? Why?

For Nonfictional texts:

- What is the main idea?
- What new information did you learn?
- Discuss the vocabulary words you learned from the text.
- What questions do you have after reading this?
- Where could you find more information on this topic?
- Did you admire or dislike the person? Why?
- What was the person's biggest accomplishment?
- How is the world different because of what happened?
- What was the most important idea you learned?

Jumpstart Conferences – Jumpstart conferences are next week! If you haven't already, please sign up using the link that was sent out in the PawPrint. I am looking forward to meeting with all of the families to learn more about your child's strengths and areas of growth. I really enjoy using this time just to get to your family a little better! Conferences are 15 minutes long. Don't forget to sign up for conferences online!

Field Trips – We usually plan several field trips throughout the school year. The 5th graders get to go Skiing in the winter with Mr. Jordan, visit the art museum, and several trips to the Litzinger Ecology Center. Our biggest and more exciting is the end of the year celebration to Six Flags. Throughout the school year, we will do some fundraising to help offset the cost of the field trip. We are always looking for parents who are interested in spearheading a separate fundraising event to supplement what we currently do. Let me know if you are interested!

Room Parents – Our classroom is in need of room parents! If you are interested in helping out, please let me know! Send me an email!

Classroom Economic System – In 5th grade, we have a well-developed economic system. We started by designing and voting on our classroom dollars, and students are learning the responsibilities associated with the system. Every student has a classroom job (which they applied for) and works towards earning their classroom dollars each week. Students can save

up their money, deposit into our classroom banking system, or can buy and sell at our once-a-month 5th grade “STORE.” Store is like a 5th grade garage-sale-turned-Etsy shop! Students can sell old “garage sale” stuff (like old toys, books, etc).

Or, students who enjoy arts, crafts, or baking can make/design items to sell. When it is our turn to sell, you will receive more information.

Scholastic Book Orders - Book orders will be sent home periodically during the year. Feel free to order, or not. When ordering, you may choose use the online ordering system (credit card) – or, you can

send in your paper order form with a check. As more books are ordered, Scholastic provides the teacher with free books for the classroom (Hurray!). ***Please note – If you wish to order scholastic books, you can order within the time windows I periodically send throughout the year. If not, you can actually go on to Scholastic.com and order at any time! Use the info above to order.*

Scholastic Book Orders

If you wish to order online, my class code is: GMNXL

When ordering online, there is a wider range of books for ALL age levels (preK – High School). Feel free to order for siblings!

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

I am looking forward to a successful year with your child!

Please let me know if you have any questions! I am always open to suggestions.

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