



5th Grade  
Melinda Poitras

Dear Parents,

I am grateful for this opportunity to work with you to impact the life of your child, and I consider this chance and time to be both an honor and a blessing. I know what happens in this classroom will have a lasting impact on your child's life and mine.

I fully recognize the importance of working together to provide your child a quality education. If at any time you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact me. Our interaction is essential to your child's academic and spiritual education. I have included my contact information at the closing of this letter. My preferred method of communication is through email or by appointment. Your concerns are important to me, so I will work hard to ensure they are addressed within twenty-four hours (except in the obvious case of an emergency).

I look forward to teaching your child and working with you throughout the coming year. It is my goal for this class to embody the spirit of Ecclesiastes 9:10 as we apply all our might to the work at hand.

Sincerely,

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# 5th GRADE PARENT INFORMATION

**TEACHER/PARENT COMMUNICATOR** Each Monday your child will bring home their Teacher/Parent Communicator folder with tests, quizzes, and other class work from the previous week.\* Please review the included papers with your child. This will keep you up-to-date with your child's progress. One side of the folder states "Return to School," and the other side states "Keep at Home." Please return the folder complete with the signature sheet stating that you have reviewed the contents of the folder with your child and with the items from the "Return to School" side. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please contact me as soon as possible.

*\*If it is a short week, I may choose to send the previous week's work home the next week. ☺*

## PROGRESS REPORT

Progress reports will be emailed monthly to your email address. This progress report will be in addition to your students quarterly report card and give their current grade averages in each subject.

## SNACKS

### LEAVING EARLY PROCEDURE

If for any reason your child must leave before dismissal, please stop by the office, and a staff member will notify me. If you call the office prior to your arrival, it will allow me to ensure your child is ready in a timely manner.

Students may bring a light snack and a drink for snack time. If they are not on disciplinary measures, they will be able to eat this snack after morning recess. Please do not send food that requires the use of utensils, the microwave, or any glass containers.

## HOMework

Your child will be assigned homework on most school days. Students may have a chance to complete some of this work throughout the day. **Any class work that is not finished IS then homework and MUST be completed by the next school day.** A student may be required to complete their homework during recess. All students will be required to have their homework sheets signed by a parent each night that homework is assigned and completed. Homework is sent home in the students' binder. Homework is collected each morning, graded and returned to the students. Students **do** receive a grade for homework. If a student fails to complete their homework more than two times during a school week, they are then eligible for detention.

## PROJECTS

In addition to a few smaller projects, there are two larger projects that will be completed this year. Each student will complete a Nation Project. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Also, students will be writing a research paper during the last quarter of the school year. Most of this project is done in class.

## GRADING INFORMATION

Each subject is based on a 100% grading scale. Listed below is how each subject will be broken down.

Bible--50% Scripture Memorization  
50% Other Activities

Math--20% Homework/daily work  
40% Quizzes/speed drills  
40% Tests

Reading--50% Oral Reading  
25% Quizzes  
25% Book Reports

Language --20% Daily Work/Homework  
20% Quizzes  
60% Tests

Science--20% Homework/daily work  
20% Quizzes  
45% Tests  
15% Projects

History--20% Homework/daily work  
20% Quizzes  
45% Tests  
15% Projects

Spelling--20% Homework  
80% Tests

Penmanship--100% Weekly tests

# CLASSROOM “RULES”

1. Be kind.
2. Be respectful.
3. Be honest.
4. Do your best.
5. Have a good attitude.

## Incentives

1. Praise
2. Positive notes sent home
3. Gemstones
4. Participate in Fun Friday
5. Class Parties
6. Homework Passes
7. Treasure Box
8. Lunch with a Friend
9. Work with a Friend
10. Free Time
11. Game Time

To enforce positive behavior in the classroom, a variety of methods will be used throughout the year. Through these weekly methods, students will earn the privilege to participate in “Fun Friday.” For example: For every positive deed the student does, he/she will earn a gemstone or coin. At the end of the week he/she must have earned at least 25 stones to participate in Fun Friday.

When disruptions occur, the procedure below will be followed: 1st Disruption: Warning

2nd Disruption: Loses stone plus 5 minutes recess

3rd Disruption: Loses 2 stones plus 10 minutes recess

4th Disruption: Consequence Jar

5th Disruption: Send to Office and Note to Parents

6th Disruption: Detention

# GRADING SCALE

- A 94-100
- A- 92-93
- B+ 89-91
- B 86-88
- B- 83-85
- C+ 81-82
- C 78-80
- C- 76-77
- D+ 73-75
- D 70-72
- D- 68-69
- F 0-67

## FIFTH GRADE SUPPLIES

- 2 Pkgs. of Wide Rule Paper
- 5 Pocket Folders (3 Holes)
- 1 3-Ring Binder (1 1/2")
- 1 Pkg. of Red Ink Pens
- 1 Pkg. of Expo Dry Erase markers (wide point)
- 2 Pkgs. of #2 pencils
- 3 Pkgs. of Mechanical Pencils
- 12" Metric/standard Ruler
- 2 Highlighters
- Scissors
- Glue (8 fl. Oz) & 1 Glue Stick
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex \*
- Markers (washable)
- Colored pencils
- 2 Large Erasers
- 2 Pkgs. 3x5 Ruled Index Cards (100

- count) ○ 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer \*
- 1 Large Box of Wet Wipes \*
- School Supply Box
- Backpack
- Old large t-shirt for Art
- Bible (KJV)
- 2 Spiral Notebooks

*\*Collected for classroom use.*

# CLASS SCHEDULE

Morning Routines

Bible

Math

Language

History

Penmanship

Spelling

Reading

Science

Group Reading or Activity Homework

Helps

# Scripture Memorization

Each week students are required to memorize Bible verses and are graded accordingly.

***Scriptures must be quoted by the last school day of the week.***

# NOTES