

GREETINGS TO INCOMING 5th GRADERS

Welcome to the fifth grade. We look forward to many wonderful lessons, projects and theme related field trips. In order to get the most out of your school experience, here are a few things you need to know.

The schedule will be similar to 4th grade, with the order of subjects differently scheduled. Students will be given a weekly schedule of classes and parents will learn more about it on Back to School night.

There will be a five minute snack interval prior to the morning recess. Please bring only nutritious snacks that can be eaten within that time. Only water is permitted in class, and encouraged daily. Students need to bring a water bottle to use in class that is to be brought home for cleaning each Friday.

Each student is to come to school prepared. Daily necessities include: binder paper, several pencils, healthy snack/lunch, water bottle, journals, long term project materials to work on in class, and planning calendar. (See class supplies list below)

Supplies for 5th Grade

- **Pencils (*replenish* as needed)**
- **Notebook Paper (*replenish* as needed)**
- Six - Spiral one-subject notebooks (70-100 pages)
- One- composition book (the black & white)
- Six –3-prong pocket folders (**yellow, red, blue, green, orange**, and one color of your choice)
- At least 4 Ultra fine point black Sharpie markers
- Mini stapler
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Bag/pouch (NO pencil boxes)
- Correcting Pen (red, etc) & Highlighters
- Classroom novels needed (Sees Behind Trees by Michael Dorris, My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier, Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare, Flush by Carl Hiaasen, and A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle) – to highlight & underline key points
- ROOM 23: Flash Drive to save computer presentations (16 mb)

Extras – recommended

- Clip board
- Scissors
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Because of our limited class supply budgets, we would appreciate donations of the following items:

- Notebook paper (wide or college rule)
- Copy paper
- Fine and ultra-fine Sharpies
- Colored pencils
- Origami paper
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Clorox Wipes
- Paper towels
- Kleenex

Parent Volunteers: We need to fill the following parental positions in each class as soon as possible so that we may concentrate on curriculum at Back-to-School Night. If you are interested in working on one or more of the positions, or if you have any difficulty earning parent hours any other way, please let us know during the first week of school.

In each classroom-

- Class Manager
- Field Trip Coordinator
- Class Treasurer
- Party Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Colonial Day Coordinator
- Living History Day Coordinator
- Makers Fair Coordinator
- Winter Fair Coordinator
- Art links/Art Coordinator
- YearBook Coordinator
- Scholastic Book Order Coordinator
- At-home and /or at-school projects: e.g. Book binding, preparing supplies
- In-class help (writers workshop, math tutoring art, hours/days will vary)
- At-home correcting:
 1. weekly spelling tests
 2. maps
 3. miscellaneous correcting

***One parent for grade level-*

- PTC Representative
- Winter Faire Coordinator
- Annual PTC Parent Event

Every year parents ask up front how much money they will need to cover all expenses for the entire year so that they may plan ahead. Listed below is the total break down for your child's fifth grade experience and education. Each year it becomes increasingly difficult for our class treasurer to collect funds for these educationally integrated field trips. Therefore, with the added cost of our overnight trip we are requesting a parent to help coordinate this year. As it stands, the field trips listed below are already planned and are a part of this year's curriculum.

Class Voluntary Contribution for 5th Grade

- Mission to the Moon/Challenger Center Field Trip (\$20.00)
- Colonial Day (\$5.00 materials fee)
- Day at the Capitol/ IMAX- Lewis and Clark (\$10.00 ticket & light rail ticket)
- History Alive (\$5.00 materials fee)
- Swim Party (\$7.00 lifeguard and pool fee)
- California Academy of Science (\$15.00 ticket and transportation)
- Artist in Residence Art Enrichment (\$5.00)
- Academic Year Subscription to Scholastic Magazine (\$5.00)
- Theater Performance (\$12.00)
- Science Lab Supplies (\$15.00)

- Classroom/ art supplies (\$25.00)
- Classroom Technology (\$10.00)
- School Planner (\$5.00)

TOTAL \$ 139 (not including overnight field trip)

*****In addition/separate:** Science Camp total cost between **\$225-\$250** per student
(depending on number of nights & fee changes)

Field Trips:

Hacker Lab Tour
Mission to the Moon
Hidden Falls Hike
Theater Performance
Lake Natoma Hike
California Academy of Science
Westminster Woods
State Capital/Imax
Swim Celebration

Major On-Campus Events:

Makers Fair
Colonial Day
National History Day
Science Fair
Earth Day
History Alive

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