

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Members

Mrs. Crawford Mrs. Martino Mrs. Smallwood Mrs. Ryan Mr. Guili -Student Success Teacher

### **AVID**

AVID is a district wide program which highlights students being independent and self-advocating. To help with college and career readiness, the students will be using a 3-ring binder that they will organize and set up in class the first week of school. These binders will be used daily to stay organized. This will include agendas, graded work, and important papers for your consideration. Staying organized will be imperative as these binders will be receiving organization grades.

# Agendas

- Teacher will provide agendas and is a requirement for every student to utilize throughout the year.
- Daily Agenda/Unfinished work will be written in the agenda by the student.
- We encourage you to check your child's agenda regularly, however, we will not require a signature.
- These can be a great form of communication between home and school.
- Agendas are the student's responsibility and will be randomly checked for completion.
- If a student loses their agenda, they may be required to purchase another.

### iPad Initiative

- Each student will be assigned an iPad for the school year.
- iPads cannot be taken home.
- iPads will only be used for educational purposes. Any other use could result in loss of iPad privileges for the year.
- See RUG (Responsible Use Guidelines and iPad Loan Agreement) for expectations and responsibilities

## **Homework Policy**

- Required 20 minutes SFA nightly reading. Due the next day.
- Unfinished work in class will be sent home for completion.
- Math homework will be assigned based on skills needed for mastery.
- · Late Work will not receive full credit.

## **Grading Policy**

- Formative Assessment 45%
- Summative Assessment 35%
- Work Habits 20%
- Common Assessments are taken once a quarter for benchmark and are 0% of grade.

## Success for All Program (SFA)

- SFA is our campus reading program that places students in classes based on their specific instructional reading level. As a result, your child may have another teacher for SFA.
- SFA grades will be given by their SFA teacher.
- SFA requires 20 minutes of reading and completion of a read and respond every night.

#### **Breakfast and Breakfast Club**

- Free breakfast is available for all students.
- Breakfast and BookNook are in the Elementary cafeteria.
   BookNook is on the stage. Time: 715-7:40
- If a student does not complete the nightly 20 minutes of reading for SFA, the student should attend BookNook to ensure the reading requirements have been fulfilled.
- It will open beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school.
- BookNook is not held on Mondays.
- When dropping students off for breakfast, they must not be dropped off in the cafeteria parking lot. If they are dropped off in the PK/Kinder Circle, then you must proceed through the circle. Turning from the circle drop off back to the street is prohibited.

#### **Lost and Found**

 Located near the front office directly across from the media center.

#### **Attendance**

- Attendance is taken at 9:30 am
- Medical/doctor excuse or parent note: must be dated and include full name of student, teacher name, date(s) of absence(s), reason, grade level, and signature. Must be turned in within 3 days of absence.
- Guidelines for Excused/Unexcused absences are located in the Student Handbook.
- Non-emergency absences for three or more consecutive days will need Principal's approval in advance (paperwork in office).
- Makeup work will be provided by teacher and student will be given time to complete.

#### **Attendance - Absences**

- Texas Education Code 25.093
  - Under the law, parents/guardians and students in some cases are subject to prosecution if:
    - The student is absent 10 or more days or parts of days within a 6 month period or
    - The student is absent 3 or more days or parts of days within a 4 week period.
- Excused/Unexcused Absences
  - Students who are absent must bring a written, signed statement by a parent/guardian explaining the reason of the absence within 3 days following their return to school for the absence to be considered excused.
  - After 3 days the absence remains unexcused.
  - Students absent for 5 or more consecutive days due to illness <u>must</u>
    bring a statement from a doctor or health facility verifying an illness or
    condition that caused the absence.

### **Tardy**

- First bell rings at 7:40
- Tardy Bell rings at 7:45
- At 7:45 a Safety check is done. If you have alert in TX set-up for attendance it is period 00. The purpose of the Safety check is to ensure that each student is in physically in class and accounted for.
- If you arrive to campus at or after the tardy bell, please accompany your child to get a tardy pass.
- The instructional day has already begun, and we want to ensure your child arrives to class safely.
- Students will not be admitted to class without a tardy pass.

## **Doctor Appointments**

- If you are picking your child up for an appointment, please allow plenty of time for pick up.
- As per the safety letter, all doors on campus will always be locked.
- Students must be signed out at the Elementary front office.

### **Nurse's Office**

- Contact information and student health information must stay current.
- Remember to supply the nurses and your child's teacher with updated phone numbers and student health needs throughout the school year.
- Please take all medications directly to the school nurses. All students must be fever free, vomit free, and diarrhea free without any medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

### Dismissal Procedures

- 5th Grade will dismiss from the Elementary Gym at 3:15.
- New this year per the Student Parent Handbook, no changes can be made in dismissal after 2:45pm. We also ask that changes must be writing (Seesaw message is perfect).
- Students will be escorted to predetermined locations throughout the campus.
- It is important students and teachers know how students will be getting home.
- If parking, your car must be parked in a designated parking place.
- If your child will be getting picked up in a vehicle, please display
  the car sign located in your folder when picking up. (Teacher name
  and grade)
- Any other dismissal arrangements, please meet with your child's homeroom teacher.

#### David's Law

 School districts now have a legal obligation to pursue reports of bullying of students. If your child reports bullying, please contact the teacher immediately to begin the investigation process

## **Eagle Time (RTI)**

 Students will participate in Eagle time daily for 45 minutes. It will focus on math and reading, and will be designed around helping each student achieve success at his/her level.

## Visiting Campus

- When visiting campus you must check in at the front office with your DL (required) to obtain a visitor pass. This includes visiting your student for lunch.
- Visitors to individual classrooms during instructional time are permitted only with approval of the principal and teacher and only so long as the duration or frequency does not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt the normal school environment.

## Birthdays

 A student may bring cupcakes to share with the class for his/her birthday. Please have the cupcakes dropped off in the front office by 12:30. We highly recommend store bought due to the number of allergens.

• Although a parent or grandparent is not prohibited from providing food for a school-designated function or for children in the child's or grandchild's classroom for his or her birthday, please be aware that children in the school may have severe allergies to certain food products. Therefore, it is imperative to discuss this with the child's teacher prior to bringing any food in this circumstance. Occasionally, the school or a class may host certain functions or celebrations tied to the curriculum that will involve food. The school or teacher will notify students and parents of any known food allergies when soliciting potential volunteers for bringing food products.

#### STAAR test

- Math April 7, 2020
- Reading April 8, 2020
- Science May 14, 2020



## **STAAR - Expectations**

- Met passing standard as set by TEA; every subject tested; every student tested
- Under the Student Success Initiative (SSI); as created by the Texas Legislature; grade advancement requirements, students are required to pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) grade 5 reading and mathematics tests to be promoted to sixth grade.

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- Fifth grade students have three opportunities to pass the STAAR reading and mathematics tests.
- If a student does not pass one or both tests, the school must give the student additional instruction after each testing opportunity, and the student must participate in that instruction.
- If a student has not passed after the second testing opportunity, a grade placement committee (GPC) is formed to created instructional plans based on the individual needs of the student.

### Volunteering

- Parent volunteers are always appreciated for events such as:
  - Field trips
  - Classroom parties
  - PTSO events
- Parent volunteers MUST have a <u>district</u> background check cleared yearly; forms are available in the <u>front</u> office.
- Parents must check in at the front office, show I.D. and get a visitor's badge.
- Please check with your student's teachers in advance to see when and how they could use your help!

### **Quick Notes**

- <u>Lunch Money Now</u> is on our website. You may fund your students account by accessing it online.
- Updating phone numbers and emails- please keep your phone numbers and emergency contacts updated in TXeis Parent Portal.
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- Ultimately, we are preparing our students for life beyond elementary school. We will promote responsibility, taking initiative, citizenship, and organization.
- School Zones are in effect once you pass the CDC. It is 15 mph.

## Let's Stay Connected!





- 1. Parents can view child's portfolio
  - 2. Each portfolio is private
  - 3. See what is happening in class
    - 4. Receive class updates
- 5. Easily communicate with teacher
- 6. Students document their learning

### **Specific Classroom Teacher Questions**

- Please contact your student's teacher by email to schedule an appointment to discuss any teacher or student specific questions.
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## **Grade level Questions?**

