

Welcome to Fifth Grade



Lake Washington School District

Mark Twain Elementary

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5th Grade Daily Schedule

8:55-10:25 Specialists & Elective Blocks

10:30-11:00 Math Power Groups

11:00-12:15 Math Block

12:15-1:10 Lunch/Recess

1:15-1:45 ELA Power Groups

1:45-2:00 Recess

2:00-3:10 ELA Block

3:10-3:20 Pack Up / Dismiss

Communication

- ▶ Friday Folders & Weekly Reports (late/missing work due following Monday)
- ▶ “Skyward Family Access” on LWSD website: <https://www.lwsd.org/>
- ▶ Informal Emails and/or calls: capeters@lwsd.org; jelau@lwsd.org; cmay@lwsd.org; tyoneyama@lwsd.org; vpeterson@lwsd.org
- ▶ Praise Notes
- ▶ Classroom newsletters & updates via ParentSquare
- ▶ October & January Conferences
- ▶ January & June Report Cards



Nuts and Bolts

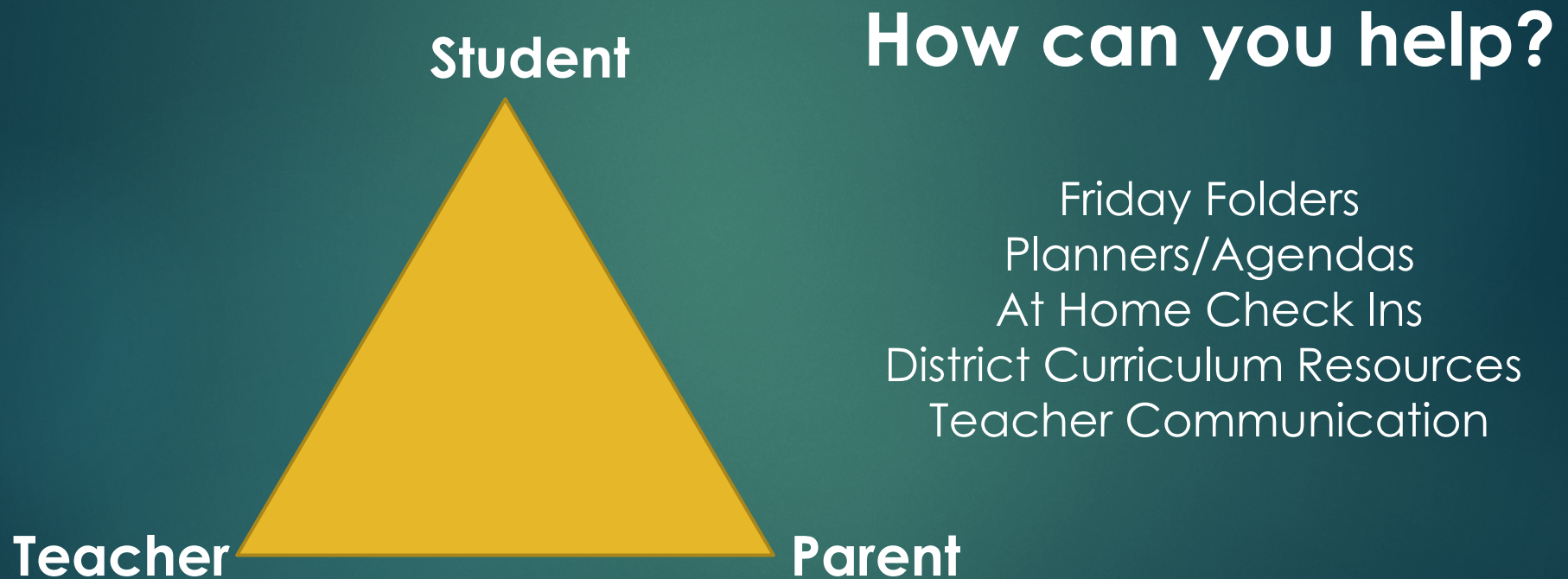
- ▶ Attendance
 - ▶ Absences & Vacations – please read handbook
- ▶ Healthy Snacks
- ▶ No Sugar Policy
- ▶ Volunteer Sign Up (LWSD background check every 2 years)
- ▶ **Arrival at school: after 8:35am**
 - ▶ There is NO supervision for students before 8:35am
 - ▶ The playground is closed before the school day begins.

Homework

- ▶ Monday-Thursday
- ▶ May Consist of:
 - ▶ Math Review & Practice
 - ▶ ELA
 - ▶ Reading 20-30 minutes
 - ▶ Spelling / Vocabulary
- ▶ Expect avg. 30-50 minutes
- ▶ Goals: Concept Reinforcement & Development of Study Habits (for 5th Grade + beyond)






Parent Support



Why READ?



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

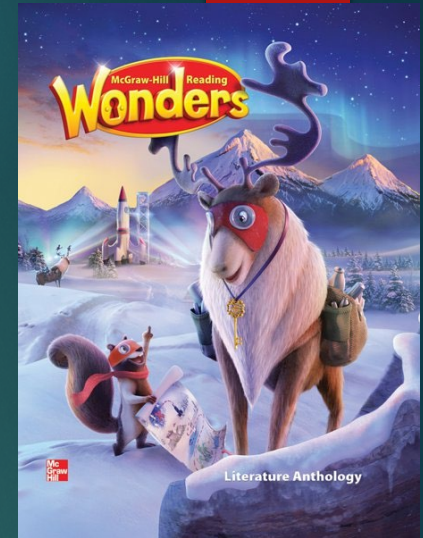
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Hagy and Eversman, 1992.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Literacy

- ▶ McGraw-Hill Wonders Curriculum
 - ▶ Novel Studies & Book Reports
 - ▶ Text Books & Research
 - ▶ SuperScience Magazines
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- ▶ Writing: Narrative, Informational, Opinion
 - ▶ Incorporated into all content areas: Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies



Math

- ▶ Illustrative Mathematics
- ▶ Problem Solving, Strategic Thinking, Procedural Fluency
- ▶ Common Core Standards
 - ▶ Multi-digit multiplication
 - ▶ Fractions, Decimals, Mixed Numbers
 - ▶ Concept of Area
 - ▶ Geometry/Measurement
 - ▶ Algebra
 - ▶ Data/Statistics/Probability
- ▶ Math Notebooks



Social Studies

- ▶ TCI Social Studies Alive!
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ Civics
 - ▶ Economy
- ▶ Focus: Early American History
 - ▶ Native Americans
 - ▶ Explorers
 - ▶ Colonial America
 - ▶ Revolutionary War
 - ▶ Founding of our Nation



Science

AmplifyScience

- ▶ Hands-on materials and experience with scientific methods
- ▶ AMPLIFY CURRICULUM
 - ▶ Modeling Matter
 - ▶ The Earth System
 - ▶ Ecosystem Restoration
 - ▶ Patterns of Earth and Sky
- ▶ Scientific notebook
- ▶ Team building (STEM)



About Grades

- ▶ Looking for effort, growth, **perseverance**
- ▶ Opportunities to get help and try again
- ▶ Standards-based grading
- ▶ The 4-3-2-1 scale:
 - ▶ 4 = above standard
 - ▶ **3 = at standard**
 - ▶ 2 = approaching standard
 - ▶ 1 = not at standard
- ▶ Two report cards a year: January and June
- ▶ What will be a Skyward event?
 - ▶ End of unit assessments, Common District Student Assessments, Projects, etc.

October Conferences

- ▶ October 17th, 18th, and 20th
- ▶ Parents + Teacher + Student = Unified Team → effective academic year
- ▶ 20-minute conference will be devoted to:
 - ▶ Reflection of current class and homework routines
 - ▶ Establish team goals for future success
- ▶ A classroom signup will be sent via email with more information to come soon



**THANK YOU FOR
COMING!**

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE!