



Welcome to 5th Grade!

Wondering what we'll learn in fifth grade? Here's a sneak peek at our Units of Inquiry...

1. Who We Are:

We'll learn all about our personal histories through cultural research and reading and writing memoirs!

2. Where We Are in Place and Time:

We'll explore Native American history through amazing literature, research indigenous culture, and take the Bdote field trip to sacred Dakota sites throughout St. Paul!

3. How We Organize Ourselves:

In this unit, we'll dive into governments around the world! We'll look at how the U.S. government was established and how it operates today.

4. How We Express Ourselves:

This unit will be all about communication! We'll look at how we share, process, and consume information.

5. How the World Works:

If you like technology, this is the unit for you! We'll study inventions, innovations and how technology has impacted and changes our world!

6. Sharing The Planet:

In this unit, we'll take a look at the causes and consequences of natural disasters, the finite resources in our communities, and relationship with the planet.

Things to Bring to School:

Your school supplies (see the HPE website for a list!), masks, a water bottle, your backpack and your positive learning attitude!

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Welcome to 5th grade! As the top dogs at HPE, you are the leaders in our community! Here's a couple things to keep in mind!

Organization:

-A good organization system is the key to success in fifth grade. Make sure to take home and return your planner, homework, and class materials daily!

Planners:

-We'll use the planners to share what we're learning, send notes to and from families, and track homework.

Homework:

-30 minutes of reading
-1-2 pages of math homework
-catch up on unfinished work or projects if needed

Meet Mr. Ringquist!

All About Mr. Ringquist:

Welcome 5th graders! I'm excited to start the school year with you all. We will learn so much together this year, and we will have some fun along the way ☺

I really enjoy being in nature and learning about Science, so I when I first went to college I studied Chemistry. I also really enjoy working with kids, so I then worked in schools as an Americorps Reading and Writing tutor. Finally, I became a teacher through the Minneapolis Residency Program at the University of Minnesota. It's been great working with and learning from the diverse population here at HPE!

Some favorite activities include: running, biking, swimming, hiking, and kayaking. I'm also starting to get more into cooking and sharing good eats with others.

Fifth Grade is a big year! Together we will read great stories, learn new math skills, write memoirs, research and present projects, and prepare for middle school and beyond. Let's make this a great year!



Hi fifth grade families!
Communication is key. Please feel welcome to contact me via email, phone, or visit. My contact info is on the back of this page. I look forward to working together in order to support your child's education.

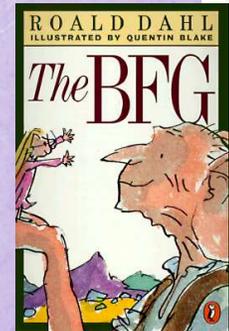


My favorite...

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Team:



Meet Ms. Alexander!

All About Ms. Alexander:

Hi fifth graders! It's so great to meet you. I can't wait to learn alongside with you in fifth grade.

I went to the University of Minnesota for my undergraduate degree in Child Psychology. Next, I went to St. Catherine University and earned my Master's Degree in Education. Before all that, I also lived in Guatemala for 3 years, where I taught preschool!

I taught at HPE from 2015-2018, and then my first son Lincoln was born. The next year my son Miles was born, and I've been at home with those two, my husband Chris, and our dog Jackie O for the past couple years! I love to run, play outside with my kids, swim, and read, read, read.

In fifth grade we'll be reading amazing novels and stories, mastering all kinds of new math skills, writing memoirs, poetry, and stories, growing together, and eventually gearing up for middle school. It's going to be a busy, wonderful, learning-filled year. See you soon... let's make it your best school year yet!



Hi fifth grade families! I truly believe communication between you and me is central to your student's success this year. Please reach out at any time via email, phone, or visit. My contact info is on the back of this page and I can't wait to talk to you!



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