

welcome to 5th grade!

DEAR FAMILIES,

We are your 5th Grade teachers- Norman Wright, Philip Penberthy, Cami Giberson, and Angie Lopez ! We are excited to be teaching your 5th grader this school year. Throughout the year, your 5th grader will spend time learning and working with all four teachers. We are passionate about creating a safe, inclusive learning environment that revolves around teamwork, leadership, and community building.

We look forward to seeing you and your 5th grader on Wednesday, August 27th, at the Meet and Greet. Please join us in the common area of Neighborhood C from 3:15 pm until 5:15 pm. We will have coffee for parents and an activity for students to complete. At the Meet and Greet, we encourage you to bring any of the supplies. There will be collection bins for supplies. Please DO NOT label any supplies with your child's name.

The first day of school, Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, is a half day. We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Wright, Mr. Penberthy,
Mrs. Giberson, and Mrs. Lopez



SUPPLIES

- 1 Clearview 1-inch Binder
- 3 Composition Notebooks
- 2 Packages of 24 Count Ticonderoga Pencils
- 4 Highlighters of Various Colors
- 1 Package of 10 Count Markers
- 1 Package of Colored Pencils
- 4-8 Pack of Expo Markers
- 1 package pink erasers
- 3 packs of sticky notes
- 1 package of glue sticks
- 1 Mead Five Star Stand 'N Store Pencil Pouch (Wright and Penberthy only)
- 2-4 boxes of Tissues
- Personal Headphones

1 package markers for the art room

Extremely helpful add on supplies:

1 package of Cardstock

Clorox Wipes

Ziploc Bags (any size)



HELLO, I AM MR. NORMAN WRIGHT, YOUR FIFTH-GRADE TEACHER. TOGETHER WE WILL BE A FAMILY OF "WRIGHT NOTES."

AS A 20+-YEAR, FIFTH-GRADE TEACHER, I AM PLANNING AN AWESOME YEAR OF GROWTH FOR YOU. USING THE POSITIVITY PROJECT TRAITS, WE WILL LEARN HOW TO BECOME LEADERS, WORK INDEPENDENTLY, COOPERATIVELY INTERACT, AND TO RESPECT OURSELVES, AND OUR CLASSMATES.

WORKING TOGETHER, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS YEAR WILL BE ONE WE WILL NOT FORGET, ESPECIALLY AS YOU GET THE AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO BE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS INTERACTIVE LEARNING ACTIVITIES THAT I HAVE PLANNED IN VARIOUS SUBJECTS.



WELCOME TO FIFTH GRADE! MY NAME IS MR. PENBERTHY, AND I AM EXCITED TO BE ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. IT WILL BE A YEAR FULL OF FANTASTIC NEW LEARNING AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES. ONE THING I KNOW IS NEW EXPERIENCES ALWAYS YIELD NEW OPPORTUNITIES. AS A FIFTH GRADER, YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL OF THE SCHOOL AND MUST DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP. ALONG WITH BEING A RESPECTFUL AND CARING LEADER, YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A BUS BUDDY FOR A KINDERGARTENER, JOIN A BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FILMING OF OUR COMMUNITY CIRCLE. YOU WILL READ BOOKS YOU WILL NOT WANT TO PUT DOWN, WRITE STORIES AND RESEARCH PAPERS THAT YOU WILL BE PROUD OF AND BECOME A BETTER PROBLEM SOLVER IN MATH AND IN LIFE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT YEAR; ONE THAT WILL GET YOU READY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL. YOU WILL NEED TO FURTHER DEVELOP YOUR ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY, INTERACT COOPERATIVELY AND ACT RESPONSIBLY. I BELIEVE, ACHIEVING OUR BEST ARISES FROM GIVING MAXIMUM EFFORT AND BEING A TEAM WITHIN OUR CLASSROOM AND WITH ALL OF 5TH GRADE! LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT YEAR OF HARD WORK, PURPOSE AND SUPPORTIVE COLLABORATION!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer! My name is Angie Lopez and this is my second year with the fifth grade team at Orion Oaks. This is my fourth year working in the district. My most recent accomplishment was graduating with a Masters in Education along with a graduate certificate in Urban Education.

As a mother of four, my life is filled with the joy of all things mom-related! My own children are ages 12, 10, 8, and 6. Their time outside of the classroom is filled with piano, softball, baseball, karate, track and cross country. I look forward to a phenomenal year ahead with growth, both academically and socially. See you soon!

-Mrs. Lopez

My name is Cami Giberson and I have been married for 28 years. My husband, Greg, is a professor at Oakland University. Our oldest son, Tommy, is 23 and Jacob, is 18 We have 2 dogs, Emmy and Daisy. This is my 27th year of teaching!

I taught in Florida, Maryland, before moving to Michigan. I taught all levels of Elementary (Kindergarten through Fifth Grade) as well as Special Education. I graduated from Alma College with a degree in Elementary Education. In 2013, I earned a Master's degree in Special Education with an ASD endorsement from Oakland University. In 2018, I earned an administrative Educational Specialist Leadership degree (Ed.S) also from Oakland University.

I look forward to an AMAZING year!