

Dear 5th grade parents,

We had an action-packed first week in 5th! We are so proud of our students for putting forth their best effort, jumping back into routines, and for sharing more about themselves. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to in 5th grade, and if you haven't heard it already, we encourage you to start conversations with your child about school on a regular basis. In these Weekly Friday Blasts, you can expect to read information about upcoming events and what curriculum we will be learning for the upcoming week. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. 😊

Thank you to those who sent in supplies for our classroom!! It is greatly appreciated. This will be a lengthy first Blast, but please read everything for very important reminders and information for your child's success this year!

Reminders

- Remind your child to bring a reusable water bottle and snack every day
- Join Remind through your teacher's unique code

Important Dates

August 11-15	iReady Diagnostics
August 11	Blue Ridge Parent Info Session (3pm)
September 1	Labor Day, No School

Blue Ridge

We will hold our Blue Ridge Parent info session on Monday, August 11th at 3pm via Teams. This is a great time to get more information and ask questions. **Payment and forms are due no later than September 5th** so please reach out to your child's teacher ASAP with any concerns. **We also still need male chaperone!** Please reach out to Mackenzie Long at longm4@fultonschools.org if you are interested in being a chaperone.

[Blue Ridge Parent Info Session Meeting Link](#)

Young Apprentice Construction Club

Northwood is excited to be offering a new club this year, only available to 5th graders! The Young Apprentice Construction Club teaches students how to use hand and power tools, with the opportunity to build their own heavy-duty toolbox and bluebird house to take home at the end of the year. They will meet after school every Tuesday until 4pm. This club is limited to the first 20 students who sign up so be sure to complete the online registration ASAP! <https://toolbox.life/>

Device Policy Updates

Student device information is located on Northwood's website under "FCS Student Device Updates."

Homework and Agenda

- At the beginning of each week, students will copy in their agenda any graded class assignments and homework for the entire week
- Each week, expect the following for homework:
 - Mondays & Wednesdays – Math assignment (may be a worksheet or from homework book)*
 - Tuesdays – Science or SS Reading assignment
 - Thursdays – Study your notes – each week students will have a focus for review notes (ex: questions you still have, short summary of notes, highlight terms based on understanding)
 - Monday–Thursday – Read for at least 20 minutes & log your reading in your agenda (at the bottom with the title of the book and time spent)
- Note that next week, we will take the iReady diagnostic, so students will not have math HW Wednesday
- Please initial your child's agenda nightly acknowledging the assignments from the day are complete and review any notes from the teacher if there are any

iReady Diagnostics

Students will take the reading diagnostic on Monday & Tuesday, and math on Wednesday & Friday. Please have a conversation with your child about the

importance of trying their best so we can accurately measure their level at the start of the year. We look forward to helping them grow this year!

Upcoming Grades	
August 12	Our Country's History (practice) – S.S. (Long and Waters)
August 12	Volume of Rectangular Prisms (practice) – Math
August 12	Conductors v. Insulators (practice) – Science (Chaffer and Smith)
August 15	Electricity Quiz (minor) – Science (Chaffer and Smith)

Student Success Skills

Please see the attached documents for information about our Student Success Skills lessons for this year.

Curriculum Notes

Math: We will continue exploring volumes of right rectangular prisms through unit cubes and the volume formula. We will also take our iReady diagnostic on Wednesday and Friday.

Accelerated Math: We will learn how to analyze a data set.

ELA: We will practice grammar skills, begin writing an argumentative essay, and start learning the foundations of cursive.

Reading: We will analyze and exam narrative nonfiction texts and continue reading our class novel. We will also take our iReady diagnostic on Monday and Tuesday.

Accelerated ELA: We will begin discussing how the time period of a text helps shape the author's craft.

Science: We will partake in various experiments, including making simple circuits and using tools to create static electricity.

Social Studies: We will continue our unit on the Turn of the Century by learning how different inventors contributed to society in the past and present.

Student Success Skills/ReThink: no ReThink lesson this week.