









Welcome to a new school year, 5HA families! I am so excited to start a new year of fifth grade!

If your child is anything like me and my two children, they may be feeling a mix of emotions from excitement to anxiety, anticipatory exhilaration to fear or concern. Let me assure you that my primary goal is to help your student be the best 5th grader and life-long learner possible. Anything I can do to help your child through this year and school in general, is merely an email away. We are truly in this together. Please complete this **quick Q&A** so I can learn more about your child, **before Friday, August 15th**.

Tuesday, September 5th is the first day of school for students. The specials schedule will be on the same system as last year, having "Days 1-5". When the first rotation is available to teachers, I will share it with you. The 5th grade supply list is still on the website. Additionally, in our classroom, you may bring the following OPTIONAL items:

-  1 small storage bag/bin/box for supplies such as pencils, highlighter, etc.
-  Mouse/Mousepad
-  Erasable (only) pens

Please label the folders with first names and the following (Sharpie marker works best):

-  Green labeled Writing/Reading
-  Orange labeled Math
-  Yellow labeled Homework/Take Home
-  Red labeled SS/Science
-  Black labeled Library

Please email me privately by August 12th if this the supplies are a financial hardship for you so, I can purchase any/all items for your child. Also, we do have scissors in the classroom, which all students have access to.

The first week of school is primarily focused on learning technology, managing organizational systems, and getting to know our classmates. More information about specific specials schedules will be forthcoming. There will still be supports (reading lab) for students who qualify. We will administer beginning of the year assessments within the first few weeks of school.

All students should arrive on the first day of school with their supplies (tissues, Clorox wipes, etc. can be sent later in the week if they are out of space), a snack, and a water bottle. **It is important to note, the district expectation continues this year: laptops MUST be in their laptop case when going to and from school, as well as in the halls and on the bus.** This will be instrumental in avoiding cracked screens. **Laptops should always come to school charged.**

Please be sure to update your child's Infinite Campus information in the Portal.

Thank you for sharing your child with me this school year. Thank you, also, for your communication, patience and understanding as we navigate this new school year together.

With joy and gratitude,
Lynn Hartzell

Next pages are for students...



Mrs. Hartzell

Summer is the fastest and busiest season, yet I cherish each minute of it as I spend valuable time with my grown children, husband, and two dogs (Blizzard and Bastian). Jake graduated from Pitt in May and Emma is in her 2nd year at West Chester. Our class pet, Franklin, lives at home with me every summer and on breaks longer than 3-days. I look forward to working with you and your family as we explore the fifth-grade curriculum together.

Read the information below to find out what you will be learning in fifth grade and other important information about our school year together! Enjoy every second of your summer! I will see you soon!



Mrs. Hartzell

Reading

- *Whole Group Reading*

Students will have direct instruction on a strategy or skill. The strategy-based lessons are designed to improve comprehension.

- *Read Aloud*

This is the vehicle used for introducing, reinforcing, and practicing our reading strategies. Learners will practice meaningful and accountable talk with classmates. By actively listening to reading, notetaking, and taking part in partner and classroom discussions, students will have opportunities to discuss, debate, and think about the same text.

- *Independent Reading*

Students self-select appropriate reading materials, which enhances independent literacy development.

Science

Here are some of the great topics that we will study in science:

~Ecosystems and Food Webs ~Matter and Chemical Reactions ~Earth and Space Patterns

Math

Have you heard that you will be learning multiplication and division of fractions this year? You will also be learning about triangular numbers and tree-diagrams. Some other fifth grade topics are locating part of a coordinate plane, converting linear measurements, and applying concepts of volume. With all of those tools you will learn how to solve real life problems!

Social Studies

Here are some of the terrific topics that we will study in social studies:

~Economics ~Geography ~Native Americans ~History of the United States ~Current Events

Writing

In elementary school, we are expanding on “The Year of the Sentence” with “The Year of the Paragraph”. Our classroom follows a Writing Workshop approach. During our writing block, we break the time into the following sessions:

Mini Lesson •Writing and Conferring •Sharing

Students explore the 5 domains of writing; content, focus, organization, style, and conventions through mini lessons and then apply them in their writing to create strong writing pieces. They will write in various modes of Narrative, Science Fiction, Argumentative, Informational, and Poetry. We will place emphasis on mentor texts for ideas and will capture our “seed ideas” in our Writer’s Notebooks. Additionally, we will integrate spelling into our writing.