



5th Grade Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Whew...we made it through our first month! We are really enjoying your children! We can't believe how time flies when we are busy learning!

We are still working on our routines, but we are making some nice improvements! The students should be going home with about 30 minutes to an hour of homework per night. Depending on how your child uses their work time and how focused they are during their work time at home, they may have more or less.

Please contact us if you are experiencing problems or concerns with the homework load. We can help give strategies both for school and at home. Students are given about 30 minutes of work time throughout the day to complete work, not including whatever their math time is at the end of math class.

Classical is a "homework" school, so please carve time out of your nightly routine to help them finish all of their work. This will ensure their success in the classroom!

Thank you for your partnership!

October Goals...

The students have been working so hard, and they are already showing progress!!!! Although they are doing very well, there are some areas in which we would like to see some improvement. Those areas are outlined below. Thank you in advance for taking a minute to discuss these areas with your child, so you can see how you can help them achieve our goals!!!

- **Listening and following directions** Being active listeners is a real skill, and we are all working on this. The students are asked to sit up, track the speaker, and participate in our lessons. This will help them retain information, complete their homework, and be better prepared for class. We are working on this as it is causing missed directions and confusion during class for some students.
- **Homework Completion** seems to be something we are seeing as a challenge for students. Each day we fill out our assignment notebook together. Students are encouraged to highlight work that they have completed, and then use this to ensure all homework is finished. Starting in October ALL homework will be in cursive, complete sentences, done neatly, and must be finished to be deemed complete. Incomplete work will fall under our Late Work Policy.
- **Test/Quiz Preparation** !! Students should be studying or reviewing their content for a few minutes each night. All information is provided in their binders, and it is highlighted for their convenience. We have had some inconsistent test/quiz scores, so we are really working hard on this one!

Conferences...

Conferences are right around the corner! We can't wait to see all of you again! A signup.com will be coming out soon. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child, so please be sure to get these dates and times on your calendar!

Important Dates...

- October 21 - Conferences
- October 23 - Conferences
- October 31 - No School

Be sure to turn the page over to review our curriculum for October!

Class Summaries

Grammar/Writing: We are finishing Lesson 2 in grammar which includes types of sentences as well as capitalization and punctuation. We will begin Lesson 1 and 2 in our writing workbook. We are focusing on narratives and story mapping. Work is done in the workbook pages OR on paper provided by the teacher. All work should be done in complete sentences and cursive.

Greek and Latin Roots: We are working through Roots 7-12 with a quiz at the end of the month that is cumulative (1-12). Students need to know the root's definition and whether it is Greek or Latin. There are flashcards on Quizlet.

Core Sayings: We are working through Lesson 2 this month. The listing and flashcards can be found in their Core Sayings section in their binder. We will have a test at the end of the month that is cumulative. There are flashcards on Quizlet.

States and Capitals: We are working through Mid-Atlantic States. These can be found in their states and capitals section in their binder. Students should know their location, the capital, and how to spell each one. Please have them review nightly. There are flashcards on Quizlet.

Spelling: We will be working on a lesson a day with a test every 5th lesson. Students should be reviewing spelling words nightly. Students have a copy of the spelling words from the back of their spelling book in their binder. They should use this to help them study for each test.

History: We have started Ancient Civilizations - always a fun one for the students! We will finish this before the end of October and start our next unit - the Renaissance. Students need to be using their worksheets, study guides, and Quizlet to help them prepare for their tests. All information is housed in their HISTORY section of their CORE binder.

Science: We are currently working on the unit Investigating Matter. We have met our new STEM teacher and are excited to be working on our hands-on STEM classes to go along with this unit! Our next unit will be Energy and Matter in Ecosystems.

Mrs. DeGoey's Math: We have been learning how to multiply one digit numbers and how to set up equations. Students will continue to take facts tests a few times a week. Please look for completed addition and subtraction tests to come home. Students should be reviewing these basic facts tests nightly to help speed up their ability to do their homework.

Mrs. Foley's Math: We have been learning different patterns that can be found in word problems using specific equations. Students will continue to build upon these five equations by taking fact tests on these and other common facts a few times a week. Please look for graded homework to come home. Students should be reviewing these equations and their basic facts nightly to help obtain fluency in these facts.

Mrs. DeGoey's reading class is currently reading *Little Women* and enjoying every minute of it. In class, we read and discuss the major ideas and themes as well as the characters. For homework students are often asked to finish the chapter and answer questions. Each daily assignment is different, so please review their assignment notebook for their homework. We try to include summary writing, comprehension questions, RtLs (response to literature), reading, and worksheets.

Mrs. Foley's reading class is working in our Reading Mastery book. We will be continuing with a lesson a day. Each day, we go through vocabulary, read the story, answer questions, and complete a worksheet. Please refer to the assignment notebook for assignments as they are not always the same from day to day. We are really working on answering questions completely and in the proper format.

Core Virtues: Our core virtue for the month of October is responsibility. We will be focusing on following expectations, thinking of others, and owning our mistakes.

Have a wonderful October!!!!