

# 5TH GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT

ELA, MATH, SCIENCE, SPANISH, SOCIAL STUDIES, SPECIALISTS

# 5TH GRADE RULES

- ★ Cell phones are off and away at the beginning of the day. Leave watches with data plans at home!
- ★ Chromebooks need to be charged EVERY SINGLE NIGHT!
- ★ Chromebooks must travel in the case, zipped up.
- ★ Must have headphones or earbuds every day.
- ★ Students need to bring all materials to class with them each day.

# REMIND APP!

Text 81010 and include the code in the message:

- Mrs. Quitno: @quitnoela
- Mr. Gruszka:
  - Block 1 @kgk2fa
  - Block 2 @8hh9k8
  - Block 3 @437fkc
  - Block 4 @a274df
  - Block 5 @662f9g
- Mrs. Myzel: @mrsmysel or @mrsmysel2 (same info goes to both)
- Mrs. Hanson: @5giles
- Ms. Stefanski: @stef56
- Mrs. Crepas: @crepas5th (@crepas6th for 6th grade)



Updates, reminders, and homework will be sent out on a regular basis. Please sign up!

# SOCIAL STUDIES - MRS. ZYWICIEL

- ★ We meet for two half blocks a week.
- ★ Inquiry based learning projects enable us to learn with and from each other on many topics this year.
- ★ We begin with a unit guiding us through inquiry steps, solid research skills, and oral presentation of a student-selected topic on the theme of changes.
- ★ US history & geography themes for 5th grade
- ★ ELA cross curricular activities, C3 Social Studies Standards, and Illinois State Learning Standards will inform curricular decisions.

# SPECIALS - MRS. KARANIKOLAS

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- ★ Fifth graders meet two times per week for 35-minute, half blocks during their Tuesday and Thursday Specials.
- ★ Fifth Grade Specials:
  - Vocabulary & Writing Instruction
  - SEL, Social Emotional Learning, refer to the SST, Student Support Team slide.
  - DARE
- ★ All students in Specials join my Google Classroom for resources, assignments, and/or updates.
- ★ ELL Support
  - English Language Learners will receive small group or 1:1 language support on Monday's. ELLs will also receive language support during their Fifth Grade Specials.

# D.A.R.E. - MRS. KARANIKOLAS

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- ★ All 5th Graders are required to participate in D.A.R.E.
- ★ The program will be held during the academic day.
- ★ Village of Norridge Police Department will provide materials, and teach the lessons.
- ★ Students will learn about avoiding risky situations, making safe and responsible choices, resistance strategies, amongst other topics.
- ★ There will be a graduation in spring for your child. The date is TBD.

# SPANISH - MRS. HANSON

- ★ Focus on conversational Spanish and vocab.
  - Letters, numbers, colors
  - Days of the week, months of the year, hobbies
  - Emotions and personal characteristics
  - Parts of the body, seasons, classroom vocab
- ★ Students will participate in reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities.
- ★ We will learn about geography and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.
- ★ Homework given on an as-needed basis; however, studying the vocab for tests and quizzes can be ongoing.

# STEAM - MRS. CREPAS

- ★ S.T.E.A.M. stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. We meet every day for a half block.
- ★ The curriculum is project based and cross-curricular.
- ★ Our first unit is “Digital Art and Media Literacy”.
- ★ Projects will include at least two domains, integrated in different ways. For our inaugural year, we will have lessons that are similar, though not identical, for 5th and 6th grade.
- ★ Standards that inform the curriculum include: Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core Math Practices, and the National Core Arts Standards for Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre And Visual Arts.



- ★ **Time:** All students will have a significant amount of time to read and write in class.
- ★ **Choice:** We will be working through themes and your student will be choosing books and writing topics to dig deep into our standards.
- ★ **Response:** The students will respond to literature they read and pieces they write in a natural way through journaling, sharing book recommendations, and conversation.
- ★ **Community:** Students will feel that they are a part of a community of readers and writers. We share what we are reading and writing on a daily basis.
- ★ **Structure:** There are predictable routines to support all of our learners. We hold conferences often.

# MATH - MR. GRUSZKA

Use equivalent fractions to solve.

$$\frac{6}{8} = \frac{18}{m}$$

$\frac{6}{8} \xrightarrow{\times 3} \frac{18}{m}$

$$\frac{10}{15} = \frac{m}{24}$$

$\frac{10}{15} \xrightarrow{\times 8} \frac{m}{24}$

$m=24$        $m=16$

- ★ Math class is taught daily.
- ★ Operations with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, algebra, measurement, geometry, and data analysis will be covered in the curriculum.
- ★ Our Envision math series is web-based with an accompanying workbook.
- ★ Students will be given homework daily and homework answers will be entered in their Chromebooks.
- ★ Students will be required to show all work for their homework assignments in their homework spirals.

# SCIENCE - MRS. MYSEL

- ★ The year will begin with foundational science lessons; safety, equipment, scientific method
- ★ Stemsopes 3D - Blend of physical, life, and Earth and space science
- ★ Major topics include: Matter & Energy in Ecosystems, Observing our Sky, Human Impact on Earth's Systems, Interactions in Matter
- ★ Follows the 5E Model (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate)
- ★ Many more inquiry based explorations for students (Missions & Action Plans)

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT - MR. KUCBOR

- ★ The Academic Support/co-teacher's role consists of supporting the learning needs of **all** students, not just students with IEP's and 504 plans
- ★ Works with the content area teachers to brainstorm methods of instruction that meet the needs of all students
- ★ Plays an active role in daily classroom instruction
- ★ After School Homework Club is available based on teacher recommendation from 3-3:30 daily.

# BAND - MR. BUCARO

- ★ All 5th-graders have music right now for one semester!
- ★ We are starting BAND RECRUITING!!
- ★ Please check my website for information regarding joining band, band parent handbooks, copies of handouts, and important music websites!

<https://sites.google.com/s/1Rgcsd0nFSg5IHxytTVABzleP0dm10WCS/p/1PTiugYUzW9jZYcae9nfSTWz0ZnwImehR/edit>

# STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM (SST)

**Elise Salo, Social Worker - Grades 7th/8th (Library room 105C)**

- Counseling, Groups, Community Outreach, Schoolwide PBIS

**Lauren Heilbrunn, School Psychologist- Grades 5th/6th (Library room 150A)**

- Assessment/Evaluations, 504 Plans, MTSS, Counseling

We will be teaching Second Step (Social Emotional Learning Curriculum). Lessons are tied to CASEL (statewide social emotional learning standards) and will take place every other week (Tuesday- 5th & 6th, Wednesday 7th & 8th) during Specials.

Students will be assessed on SEL standards in Mastery Connect using observation and assessment data.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION - MS. STEFANSKI

★ **Vision Statement:** *All students will realize the importance of lifelong physical fitness by engaging in healthful physical activity as a part of their everyday routine.*

- Providing a positive experience for students
- Developing leadership skills
- Promoting physical fitness
- Respecting individual differences in people
- Stressing Safety
- Encouraging an active lifestyle

★ **Wash uniforms weekly**

★ **New this year:** Wellness Wednesdays (fitness activities during class)

★ **Contact Info**

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- Website on District Site
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QUESTIONS?

WHAT CAN WE ANSWER TONIGHT?