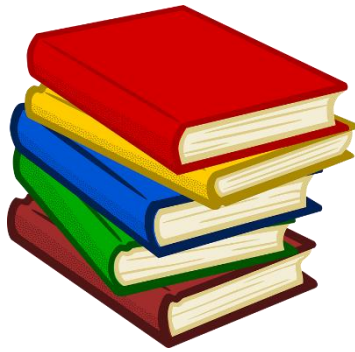


5th Grade



Mrs. Schones

2023-2024

Welcome to our class!

Hello 5th grade!!!

I am beyond excited to be sharing a classroom with these amazing 5th graders this year. Throughout the year, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school, on GroupMe or via e-mail.

The verse we have chosen as a theme for our classroom is 1 Thessalonians 5:11:

“Encourage one another and build each other up.”

We have this verse hanging in our classroom as a constant reminder that we are here for one another. I believe it is so important for the students in our class to see our class as a family. We will spend an immense amount of time together this year, and I want it to be encouraging and uplifting for everyone.

I also like to put an emphasis on being leaders in our school. I will continually remind the students that they are setting an example for the younger students in everything they do while they are at school. I want that example to be a good example; therefore, my expectations of them and their behavior will be set high.

This year is a new challenge for us with multiple class changes between two buildings, but I have no doubt that these awesome 5th graders will adjust quickly and do amazingly! I look forward to watching them grow this year with the numerous opportunities and additional responsibilities that 5th grade brings.

In this handbook, I have laid out my classroom policies as well as some important dates and events for you to remember. I know it is lengthy, but it is important that you read over everything. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am looking forward to a great year and can't wait to see how the Lord works in each of these students' lives!



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-Policies & Procedures-

- **Discipline/Classroom Management:** Students will be taking part in our Classroom Economy. Please see the attached pages for more information.
- **GroupMe:** We will be using the mobile app “GroupMe” to communicate with you throughout the year. This will include messages, pictures, and updates.
- **Weekly Note:** You will get a weekly note from your child’s homeroom teacher with reminders about tests, quizzes, and other things happening in the classroom throughout the next week. Please make sure you read the note each week so you don’t miss something important!
- **Homework:** We will not regularly assign work to be done exclusively at home. Most of the homework the students will have will be anything they don’t finish in class. Occasionally something extra may be assigned to be finished at home. Any work turned in late will be a fine as well as ten points off for each day it is late.
- **Absent Work:** If your child is absent, they will be expected to make up any work missed for the days they were gone. They will have one day per day absent to finish any work they have missed. If they miss any scheduled tests and were present in class to have all the study materials, they will be expected to take any missed tests on the day they return. If they return on a spelling day, they will still be expected to have their spelling completed and be prepared for the test for that week.
- **Planners:** Everything that we assign in class is to be written in the planner as we assign it. I also require that these get signed by a parent each night. Please sign the book in the box with the date for the day confirming that your child has completed the work.
- **Required Reading:** Students will be required to read a certain number of pages each month from the month of September to the month of April. Required Reading is for a grade. Students will have the opportunity to receive a reward each month for completing the required reading, as well as be able to attend a party at the end of the year if they complete each month. There will also be bonus rewards for students who read the most pages and go above and beyond with their reading.
 - Requirements:
 - 5th Grade - 350 pages
 - Must read at least one book they have not read before each month

- Use the Reading Log to record the date finished, title of book, author of book, pages in book, star rating of book, and why they chose that rating
 - Students must have a parent/guardian sign their log before turning it into show they have indeed read throughout the month
 - Reading logs will be due the first day (that falls on a school day) of the next month.
- **Grades & Lesson Plans:** Two or three weeks after the start of each quarter, we will begin entering grades on a weekly basis. Please make sure you are checking them from time to time. You have access to your child's grades through your FACTS Family Portal. We will also post our weekly lesson plans on FACTS. If your student is absent or you need to check an assignment, you can access that through the Family Portal as well.
- **Redos:** Students may redo assignments with a grade below 70%, however, they will only receive 50% credit for the corrected questions. Any redos will come home with the graded papers in the Tuesday folder each week. Assignments that have dropped below a 70% due to being turned in late will not be eligible for redos.
- **Class Descriptions, Tests, and Quizzes:** All tests and quizzes will be announced in class ahead of time and will also be included in my note for the week.
 - **Math (Miss Funk):** There will be a math assignment daily. If they do not finish in class, it will be homework. There will be a test or quiz each week in math. Students will be allowed to correct all math tests for half credit regardless of the grade. The tests will come home in the Tuesday folder and any corrections must be turned back in before the next test.
 - **Spelling (Mrs. Schones):** Spelling days will be each Tuesday. We will have a test over all the words. The students will also write their spelling words three times each. This is a mandatory assignment each week. Spelling words may be written an additional two times each (for a total of five times each) for bonus points. Written spelling words and workbook pages are due before the test on Tuesday. Once we have wrapped up each lesson with the test, I will assign the next lesson.
 - **Language (Miss Dick):** Students will be completing daily language assignments where they will occasionally have homework from work that they did not complete in class. There will be an occasional quiz within the unit and a test at the end of each unit. We will complete a few written essay papers throughout the year. A rubric will be provided for each essay.
 - **Reading (Miss Dick):** Students will be reading and completing daily reading assignments through their reading curriculum and a couple of book studies.

We will be having reading comprehension tests every few weeks – this requires no preparation. Students will also complete a few book reports throughout the year. The type of report will vary, and I will send home instructions for each one when it is time. Required Reading will be a part of the students' reading grade.

- History & Science (Mrs. Schones): These subjects will be taught alternately this year. We will cover a chapter in one subject and then move to a chapter in the other. Both classes will consist of a mixture of reading text, group discussion, activities, projects, games, and assignments. I will provide adequate time in class for assignments and activities. The only work students may need to finish at home would be work they did not finish in class and an occasional assigned project. There will be a test at the end of each chapter and an occasional unannounced quiz. Students will be allowed to correct all quizzes for half credit regardless of the grade. Students may also earn bonus points in these classes for writing the vocabulary words and definitions for the chapter. These will be due prior to that chapter's test.
- Bible (Mrs. Hobbs): Students will be tested over a memory verse each week. They will have a unit test every two weeks. They may occasionally have some homework pages as well. Memory Verses can be found on www.deeprootsbible.com.
- **Electives**: Students have the option of taking different electives on Tuesday afternoon. They chose these classes at the beginning of the school year.
- **Project-Based Learning**: Students will be participating in a project-based learning class on Friday afternoons with Mrs. Schones and Miss Dick.
- **Textbooks**: The students will be using textbooks for science, history and reading. These books are the property of the school. It will be the student's responsibility to take care of these books over the course of the year.
- **Class Mission**: We will be "adopting" Just Joy Activity Center in Weatherford for our mission project this year. We hope to help collect items they may need, enjoy times of fellowship with them, and raise awareness of what they are doing in our community.

- **Class Parties:** We will have three holiday parties. You are welcome to attend the party/parties that you sign up for. You will sign up to help with one class party at the first Parent/Teacher Conference.
 - Christmas Party: December 19, 2023
 - God's Love Party: February 14, 2024
 - Resurrection Party: March 28, 2024

- **Birthdays:** Each student will receive a special blessing in chapel on their birthday. You are welcome to come for their blessing. You may also bring a treat for the class if you would like. I will get in touch with you to arrange a day and time. If your child has a summer birthday, I will assign them a school birthday. Because of how our schedule is this year, *we are asking that all birthday parties take place either right after chapel or during lunch.*

- **Field Trips:** We will be taking multiple field trips this year including one all campus field trip.
 - P-Bar Farms (all-school): September 29, 2023
 - Oklahoma Science Museum - Engineering Fair: February 21, 2024
 - Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial & Museum - TBA
 - Starbase STEM "Camp": April 21-26, 2024

- **Special Activities:**
 - Math Olympics:
 - Classroom: December 4, 2023
 - Area (WOCS): February 2, 2024

- **Cell Phones:** If a student has a cell phone, it is to be turned off during the school day. If they are caught using them during the day, I will take it and give it back to the parent. If a student has a smart watch, it is only to be used for telling time. It will be taken away if a student is caught playing games or sending/receiving messages. They are allowed to have their phones on field trips to take pictures only. If this privilege is abused, it will be taken away by the teacher per the cell phone policy in the school handbook.

Please note that the students will also be with Miss Dick, Miss Funk, and Mrs. Hobbs throughout the day. They will be expected to abide by the same rules and obey them at all times. All of the above is subject to change at the teacher's discretion; however, if something changes, we will let you know in a note, email or via GroupMe. Thank you for all your support.

If you have made it this far, congratulations! We know it is a lot of information, but it is all important to helping our classroom run smoothly. Thank you for taking the time to read through everything. On a piece of scrap paper, please write the phrase "Fifth Grade Rocks!", sign it, and send it back with your child to give to me by Monday, September 25 and they will receive a treat!

-Classroom Economy-

Each student will start with \$100 on the first day of school. They will have the opportunity to earn up to \$100 per week by getting their planner signed each day. They will earn \$20 for each day that their planner is signed. They will pay for any fines they incur throughout the month. They will also have the opportunity to earn bonuses and shop in the class store.

Dates:

- Students will be paid once a week for having their planners signed.
- Account statements will be sent home the first Tuesday of every month for the previous month. They must be signed and return by a parent the next day.
- Store will be on Tuesday of the following week.

Bonuses:

- Get a compliment from another teacher - \$200
- Go above and beyond in showing kindness or responsibility - \$400
- Earn an A on a test - \$100
- Earn an A on a quiz - \$50
- Earn 100% on a test - \$100 + coupon

Fines:

Fines will be paid immediately upon violation. Students who cannot pay their fines will work off their balance with community service (i.e. extra lunchroom jobs, etc.) All fines and bonuses for the month will be reflected on the monthly statement.

- Dishonesty - \$500
- Disrespect - \$200
- Rudeness - \$100
- Unkind Words - \$100
- Complaining - \$100
- Leaving the classroom without permission - \$100
- Missing supplies for class - \$50
- Messy desk or locker - \$50
- Missing work - \$50 + 10 point deduction for each day late
- Off-task behavior - \$50
- Tardy - \$50

Store:

Students are able to participate in the class store each month if they have the funds to pay for it. Students can choose not to participate in store if they wish to save their remaining money.

Food Court:

- Each item in the food court is \$50.
- Students may purchase up to one food and one drink item.

Classroom Passes:

- Chalk at recess - \$100
- Lead a class game or activity - \$100
- Chew gum in class for one day - \$150
- Play a game with a friend after current assignment is finished - \$250
- Read a story to another class - \$300
- Choose your own partner for an activity - \$300
- Sit at the teacher's desk for one class period - \$200
- Homework Pass - \$500
- Teach a lesson to the class - \$600

-5th Grade Homeroom Schedule-

MONDAY	8:30-9:15 Boys P.E. 8:45-9:15 Girls Computer	9:50-10:20 Math	10:25-10:55 Language	11:00-11:30 History/Science	11:30-12:50 Lunch	
TUESDAY	8:45-8:55 Homeroom Devotions	9:00-9:45 Math	9:50-10:35 Language	10:40-11:30 History/Science	11:30-11:50 Lunch	
WEDNESDAY	8:30-9:15 P.E.	9:50-10:20 Math	10:25-10:55 Language	11:00-11:30 History/Science	11:30-11:50 Lunch	
THURSDAY	8:30-9:15 Boys P.E. 8:45-9:15 Girls Computer	9:50-10:20 Math	10:25-10:55 Language	11:00-11:30 History/Science	11:30-11:50 Lunch	
FRIDAY	8:45-9:20 Homeroom Devotions	9:25-9:55 Art	10:00-10:25 History/Science	10:30-10:55 Language	11:00-11:25 Math	11:30-11:50 Lunch

11:50-12:10 Recess	12:20-12:55 Bible	1:00-1:30 Reading	1:35-2:10 History/Science	2:15-3:00 Girls PE 2:30-3:00 Boys Computer	3:10 DISMISSAL
11:50-12:10 Recess	12:20-12:40 Bible	12:45-1:05 Reading	1:10-1:30 History/ Science	1:30-2:00 Electives 2:00-2:30 Music 2:35-3:00 Spelling (Grade & Test)	3:10 DISMISSAL
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