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Welcome to Fifth Grade!
2018 - 2019

It is our role as teachers to provide a safe and positive environment for your children. We will provide many learning opportunities this year and encourage students' academic achievement as well as their social growth. We have high expectations and will provide a structure so students can move toward greater responsibility and independence. We hope to be partners with you in this goal. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Curriculum Overview

Literacy

Reading: Lucy Calkins *Units of Study for Teaching Reading*, workshop format
Independent and partner reading, book clubs, fiction novel studies and integration of non-fiction literature with science and social studies content, *Newsela*

Writing: Lucy Calkins *Units of Study for Teaching Writing*, workshop format
Four modes: narrative, imaginative, expository, and persuasive/opinion
Six Traits: ideas and content, organization, sentence fluency, conventions, word choice, and voice

Spelling/Vocabulary: *Words Their Way* (word study for phonics, vocabulary and spelling instruction)

Speaking: informal and formal presentations

Math

Bridges in Mathematics and *Number Corner* calendar activities, *Hands-On Algebra*, math games, problem solving materials, and various differentiated math packets

Science

Scientific Inquiry: Earth, Moon, and Stars, Variables, and Microworlds science kits, *National Geographic Explorer Magazine*, *Generation Genius* videos and *Mystery Science* lessons, Spangler science experiments

Social Studies

Geography and history of the United States from early Americans to the Constitution, *Social Studies Alive!*

Health

Family Life and Sexual Health

Technology

Word processing, research and multimedia projects

Enrichment

Art PE Music Library Media Guidance

Birthday Celebrations

We do not have birthday celebrations in the fifth grade classrooms. Please do not send treats. We also ask that you do not decorate students' lockers.