

5th Grade Curriculum Information 2018-19

MATH

4j adopted a new math curriculum last year across the district. The curriculum is called LearnZillion. Many of the same concepts will be covered in the same grades as they were with investigations but there will be some changes. As always, math will require a mindset of growth, a positive attitude, and the willingness to take chances and learn. Mistakes are okay and help us all learn! Feel free to check out the website at eugene4j.learnzillion.com and please ask questions should they come up. We'll answer them the best we can.

READING

We will continue using the district Journeys curriculum. This is a district wide curriculum and your student will be expected to read independently along with guided reading. There will be several computer based parts to the program accessible during school hours. Your student will be expected to respond to what they read and cite sources in their responses.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social studies forms the basis for many of our activities in 5th grade. Activities may include writing, art, reading activities, projects, music, history, etc... This year we will study United States History. We will be using the History Alive curriculum along with supplemental material provided by the teachers. US geography, Native American migration, American Revolution, and branches of government will be the bulk of what is covered.

SCIENCE

Our three big units this year are from last years newly adopted FOSS curriculum. We will cover Earth and Sun, Living Systems, as well as Mixtures and Solutions. Students will be completing Science Inquiry work samples throughout the year and also work on a project for the Science Fair in the spring.

HEALTH

We take part in lessons designed to develop life-long health habits. We will also teach the basics of HIV/AIDS and Human Growth and Development this year, following the district curriculum mandates and guidelines. There will be a parent night in the Spring to answer any questions you have.

PE and MUSIC

PE will be taught by Gary Blaine. Music will be taught in the second semester by Mary Poppin.

PROCESS WRITING

We use the prewriting, first draft, editing, and final copy model. We instruct descriptive, narrative, explanatory, imaginative, and persuasive forms of writing. Student writing is evaluated in different traits (ideas, organization, sentence fluency, and conventions) using a six point scoring guide. While we do official work samples entire in class, we have a new project this year! Autobiographies! Each week students will be assigned a chapter/prompt to write on for their autobiography. Chapters will be assigned Mondays and expected to be turned in finalized and neat on Fridays. Please help with the following.

*Check for correct mechanics...spelling, capitalization, and punctuation

*Offer advice about content, but please remember your child has ownership of the pieces and the writing should belong to him/her.

*Encourage neatness. PLEASE.

*The final copy may be typed or hand written. Please print finals at home if typed.

*Enjoy this special time with your child and know that it is an important part of his/her educational growth.

SPEECHES

Students will complete speeches throughout the year. Topics will vary throughout the year as well. Speeches should be about 1 1/2 to 3 minutes in length to begin but will increase a little with each project. You can support your child at home by encouraging them, helping them rehearse, and supporting their research. Please remember that this needs to be your child's work. You will be notified when speeches and research projects are coming.

HOMEWORK

REFER TO THE SEPARATE HANDOUT ABOUT HOMEWORK

Missing homework will result in a loss of privilege that otherwise would have been available.

CONFERENCES

Conferences are held in late October/early November. More information will be coming when we get closer to conference week. If needs arise please contact your student's teacher to set up a meeting time.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are sent in February and June.

STATE STANDARDIZED TESTING

5th Grade will be tested (on computers) in Reading, Math, and Science towards April. Look for more information to come home when we get closer to testing time.