

Welcome to

Open House 2010

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5th Grade

Room 505

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Homework Policy: Your child will have homework every night, Mondays through Thursdays. The homework is given to reinforce the skills we learned in school that day. Most nights, the homework consists of math and spelling. Along with math and spelling, your child will be expected to read for at least fifteen minutes. Homework should never take more than fifty minutes. Please let me know if it does. Also, let me know if your child cannot do the work on his/her own so I can get them extra help in school. Assignments will be written in the homework assignment book, which has been provided by the school. Please sign it each day to acknowledge that you are aware of what is expected of your child.

Absences: Attendance in school is extremely important. One absence from school is all it takes for a child to fall behind academically, resulting in the child feeling lost and frustrated. Ultimately, any tests or In-class work completed while a child is not present, must be made up. Please make every effort for your child to achieve a perfect attendance. Naturally, if your child is vomiting, has a fever, or anything contagious, please keep them home. I will make every effort to send home all missed work.

Communication: I feel that communication between teachers and parents is very important. One way of communicating is to use the homework assignment book to write any questions or comments you have for me. Please tell your child to bring it to my attention in case I miss checking for signatures. You may also call the school and leave a message indicating a good time for me to call you back or send me an email. I will do my best to respond to all methods of communication as quickly as possible.

Tissues: Tissues started coming in the very first day of school. Thank you so much. It is shocking at how quickly the children make them disappear. You may send tissues in at anytime throughout the year. I really appreciate your contributions of tissues, wipes, and sanitizer. Hopefully, this will keep us all healthy all year.

Water Bottles: Water bottles are permitted and encouraged. This will help eliminate time off task in school and allow children to keep themselves hydrated throughout the day. Please only send in water so spills do not stain the new carpet.

Bathroom Breaks: Our scheduled restroom breaks are at 10:10 a.m. and 12:51 p.m. Please encourage your child to use the restroom at those times to alleviate interrupted class work.

Snacks: At approximately 10am every day, I have been offering your child a small snack such as a pretzel rod or a couple of crackers. Since it is such a long stretch of time between breakfast and lunch, I am allowing students to eat a snack while they are working. Some students may prefer to get a snack from their lunch box. This is okay with me as long as it is classroom friendly (not messy, edible without a utensil, healthy, etc.) If you do not permit your child to have a snack at this time, please let me know. On the other hand, if you would ever like to send in your child's favorite snack to share with the class, please feel free to do so as long as it meets the snack requirements.

Parties: We will participate in four parties this year; a fall party Oct. 29, a winter holiday party Dec. 23, a Valentine's Day party Feb. 14, and a spring party April 20. Parental involvement is always welcome at our special occasions. If you are interested in volunteering in some way, send me a note or message stating so, and I will get in touch with you closer to the date to confirm what is needed.

Birthday Celebrations: We love to enjoy treats to celebrate students' birthdays! Your child is welcome to bring a treat on or near his or her birthday. Please choose a treat that is classroom friendly and in line with the school policy (no gum). Summer birthdays may be celebrated anytime throughout the year. Of course, birthday treats are voluntary, not mandatory.

Classroom Rules

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1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Raise your hand to get out of your seat and to talk.
3. Keep your voice at the correct working level.
4. Be respectful to self, others, and the school.

Positive Consequences

- * Words of praise
- * Happy phone call or note to parents
- * Snack party
- * Free time

Negative Consequences: If you choose to Break a Rule

- ✗ Teacher/Student Conference
- ✗ Teacher/Student Conference and lose some recess
- ✗ Teacher/Student Conference, lose some recess, and parents are called
- ✗ Teacher/Student Conference and Mrs. Sigmund is informed

Our classroom rules and consequences are constructed to ensure that all children receive the best education possible. These rules and consequences may be changed or altered as needed, if needed.

☺ So far our class looks like a hard working, respectful, and responsible class. Please communicate with your child about the expectations that you and I both have for him or her, and I assure you that we will have a wonderful and exciting year!

Classroom Schedule

Teacher: Mrs. Smith

Room: 505

Year: 10 – 11

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
7:50 – 8:10	Arrival – Morning Work – pledge – etc.				
8:10 - 8:30	Spelling Grammar				
8:30 – 9:00	Title I / Guided Reading				
9:00 – 10:00	Reading				
10:05 – 10:15	Restroom				
10:15 – 10:55	Computer Lab	Art	P.E	Library	Music
11:00–12:00	Math				Math Lab
12:00 - 12:15	Recess Mon. – Duty	Recess Tues. – Free	Recess Wed. –Duty	Recess Thurs. – HW	Recess Fri. - In -Duty
12:21 – 12:51	Lunch				
12:51 – 1:00	Restroom				
1:00 – 1:30	Writing				
1:30 – 2:00	Reading Intervention				
2:00– 2:40	Science/ Social Studies	Band Day 2	Band Day 3	Science/ Social Studies	Science/ Social Studies
2:40 – 2:50	Dismissal				

Mrs. Smith's Class

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