Welcome Parents!

*Please be seated and the presentation will begin shortly!
Our Team

Dr. Christine Richards – Principal
Colleen Vay – Lead Teacher
Cody Rogers – Lead Teacher
Chelsea Didas – School Counselor
Jenna Whitcomb – School Counselor
Aviaja Brimstein – School Psychologist
Cheryl Wicks – School Social Worker
Lindsay Tuschong – Behavior Specialist Support
What’s Different About 5th Grade?

• Classroom Transitions:
  ▪ Humanities (ELA & Social. Studies.)/STEAM (Math & Science)

• Grade Based Report Card
  – % based
What’s Different About 5th Grade?

New Levels of Independence…

1. **Organization**
   - Having specific supplies is critical for success
   - Bringing the correct materials to class

2. **Homework**
   - Students will have approximately 50 minutes of homework each night
   - Assignment books should be filled in and brought home daily
   - Long-term as well as short-term assignments will be given

3. **Self-Advocacy**
5th Grade Curriculum

ELA

- **Reader’s Workshop:** Utilize a variety of fiction and nonfiction text to build on reading comprehension strategies and skills
- **Writer’s Workshop:** Study many different genres of writing including memoir, feature article, informational essay and more
- **Language Skills/Word Study:** Sentence structure, grammar, and word study embedded within reader’s and writer’s workshop
What Explicit Reading Instruction Brings for Our Students

• High interest readers that span a wide range of genres and align with grade level text expectations

• A resource that will help us to organize reading instruction in alignment with science of reading research

• Resources that will support teachers’ implementation of reading and writing instruction, including:
  • Morphology and Word Study/Vocabulary
  • Grammar and Sentence Structure
  • Reading Comprehension
  • Writing Process Pieces
  • Writing in Response to Reading
Through the 5th grade Humanities curriculum, students study the cultures, geographies, governments and economies of the United States, Latin America and Puerto Rico as they consider:

- how and why cultures vary;
- how geography affects culture;
- how governments balance the rights of individuals with the common good;
- and much more.
What Our Humanities Units Bring for our Students

• Engagement in Novel Studies, Authentic Texts, Diverse Perspectives, and Book Clubs that Promote Student Choice

• Writing Process Pieces (that will be strengthened by materials from the reading resource)

• Social Studies and Civic Learning Experiences, including Local History Connections and Service-Learning Opportunities

• Student Collaboration and Discourse
5th Grade Curriculum
STEAM

Through the 5th-Grade STEAM curriculum, some of the Units of Study include:

- Matter
- Earth and its Systems
- Stars and the Universe

Students will:

• Strengthen their ability to apply science and engineering practices;
• Master core disciplinary concepts and ideas;
• Identify and describe relationships among concepts;
• And apply those relationships to observable phenomena.
5th Grade Curriculum
Mathematics

5th Grade Units of Study include:
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division of fractions
- Division with two-digit divisors;
- Place value and operations with decimals
- Developing an understanding of volume.
School Counselor's Role

- Supports students with any social/emotional needs during the transition
- Careful classroom placement to ensure all students are in classrooms that best fit their needs
- Classroom lessons on transition in all 4th grade classes
- Be on the lookout for a back-to-school event for students to find homerooms
Extracurricular Activities

- Newspaper Club
- Band, Orchestra, and Chorus
- Intramurals
- Chess Club
- Math Olympiad
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Ski Club
- Art Club
- Gardening Club
Questions