

Fifth Grade Information 2019- 2020

Assignments and Homework

~ In our classrooms, students should expect to have, on average, an hour of homework almost every night of the school week. While we generally don't assign weekend work, fifth grade has many "long range" or multi-week projects and assignments that students will need to budget time for.

~ We will be explicitly modeling, checking on, and utilizing our daily student assignment planner to help students gain confidence in their time management and work pacing, but we need your help. **Please expect to check your child's assignment planner daily to make sure that they are writing down their assignments and due dates in full.** As you will see, we provide resources such as the grade 5 google calendar and homework webpage to assist you in cross referencing what assignments are coming up:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/carderockspringses/>

~ Any homework that is assigned, will ALWAYS have a purpose based on reinforcing, enriching, or assessing what we are doing in class. We never give "busy work."

~ Each student will designate a folder in their binder as a permanent "Take Home Folder" for easy organization. To prevent lost work, anything that needs to go home should be put on the left side, while anything coming back to school should be on the right. We will set this up in class.

~ While homework will be listed on the 5th grade website, many assignments will actually be accessed and submitted via Google Classroom. In the beginning of the school year, students will learn how to log into their personal Google Classroom on their Chromebooks.

~ **Both** the homework planner and take-home folder should go home EVERY AFTERNOON and come back to school EVERY MORNING. Each child's Chromebook however, will remain at school.

Missed or Late Assignment Policy

~ As mentioned, any assigned work will be done in the interest of reinforcing or enriching student learning. We fully expect every assignment to be completed to the best of each student's ability. If it is not completed (including in the case of an excused absence), late, or not returned to school, the student may choose to sign up for "recess office hours" to stay inside to complete it. They may also complete it that evening. Nevertheless, the student will be asked to both

- 1) Complete a Missed Assignment Form
- 2) Submit the missing work to the late bin by the next class meeting (unless given unique permission from the teacher).

Filling out a "Missed/Late Assignment Form" does not excuse the work, it simply tracks the absence and helps us communicate this home.

Assignment strikes will be communicated in the following manner.

Missed Assignment #1: In-class Student Warning

Missed Assignment #2: In-class Student Warning

Missed Assignment #3: Parent e-mail home and student receives "Progressing" for Task Completion on their Quarterly Report Card.

Missed Assignment #6: Parent/Teacher conference

Missed Assignment #10: Let's just hope it doesn't get this far. Student will receive a "Not Yet Evident" for Task Completion on their Quarterly Report Card.

Grades and Recess Office Hours

~ Each subject will have a section of the student binder (Math, Reading, Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Media Inquiry Projects). We will also be using three marble composition books for Writing, Math, and Spelling.

~ Like the "TAG" time at Pyle Middle School, student self-ownership is integral to grade 5. If a student needs extra help or to get caught up following an absence, we are more than willing to provide it, but **it is the responsibility of the student to sign up for and attend "teacher office hours" during recess.**

***There will be a large whiteboard in the fifth-grade hallway with sign up slots each week.**

This year grade 5, teacher support office hours will be as follows:

- Monday: English (Mr. G) and Science/Social Studies (Ms. Robbins)
- Wednesday: Math (Mrs. Ruk)

Of course if there is an emergency we will work to accommodate as available.

~ At the elementary level cumulative grades come from a myriad of assignments including many anecdotal assessments beyond those limited to a formal, written or typed submission. However, formal graded assignments that are returned will be noted in the every Monday parent email.

Class Websites and Weekly Memos

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/carderockspringses/classroom/grade5/>

Main Webpage for Grade 5 Classrooms

- As previously stated, the main fifth grade page will have many "real time" resources for you:
 - The 5th grade Important Dates Google Calendar
 - Monthly birthday celebrations
 - Standardized testing dates
 - Field trips, holidays, parties, assemblies, and special school events
 - Middle school transition events
 - Nightly homework assignment postings
 - Student access links to Google Classroom and other online resources

First Day Packet

- In addition to the website information, the fifth grade team will also be providing a **weekly email memo**, direct to your inboxes, with the following important information:

Dear Grade 5 families,

Welcome to the week of:

Returned papers from last 7 days:

Other Important Announcements:

[Link to Grade 5 Calendar and tonight's homework:](#)

As always, thank you for your support and don't forget to check your child's assignment planner daily! They should be filling in each box every day to track new assignments, ongoing progress, and due dates. If there is nothing in a section, you should see an "X" or "NONE" written. This is the easiest way for you to keep track of assigned, developing, and scored work!



- The Fifth Grade Team

Classroom Behavior

~ We are very big on **honesty, respect, and responsibility** and that goes in all directions (teacher to student, student to teacher, student to student). We are a team and we fully expect every student to be respectful at all times.

~ To encourage such behavior, all three fifth grade classrooms will operate a positive reinforcement system known as the "Fifth Grade Time Bank." If students demonstrate positive behavior, efficient time management, respect, and good decision making they will intermittently be rewarded with "minutes" that accumulate across all classes and rotations. These can later be cashed in for grade-wide celebrations and activities!

~ On the other hand, if misbehavior is persistent, students may need to fill out a "**Think Sheet**" in accordance with school policy. This reflection form which is rooted in our Carderock Student Pledge will provide time for reflection while also servicing as documentation for any behavioral issues and concerns that arrive at school.

~ When a Think Sheet is necessary, a standard email will be sent home giving families a heads up, along with (when possible) a photo of the student completed form.

Academic Classes

~ Children will switch classes a number of times throughout the day.

- Writing instruction will take place with homerooms.
- Mrs. Ruk will be teaching three sections of Math.
- Mr. G. will be teaching three sections of Reading.
- Ms. Robbins will be teaching three sections of Science/Social Studies

~ This will allow each child to work with different peers and teachers throughout the day as an ancillary preparation for middle school.

Daily Schedules

~ During the first week of school, your child will be receiving a copy of their class rotation assignments and the daily bell schedule. Accessing this document atop the main grade 5 page will also show the early release and two-hour delay schedules.

~ By end of the first week, students will be receiving schedule cards with the order of their personal academic rotations for Reading, Math, Science/Social Studies. Writing is always taught in homeroom.

5th Grade Schedule 2019 – 2020

Time	Class
9:20 – 9:30	Report to Homeroom from Morning Activity Period
9:30	Morning Announcements
9:35 – 10:25	Writing
10:30 – 11:30	Rotation #1 <small>Before recess, place binder/supplies in line, outside of rotation 2</small>
11:30 – 12:30	Recess / Lunch
12:40 – 1:40	Rotation #2
1:45 – 2:45	Rotation #3
2:45 – 2:55	Clean Up / Pack Up / Line Up
2:55 – 3:45	Specials
3:50	Dismissal

Specials Rotations

*	Ghaman	Ruk	Robbins
Monday	Art	P.E.	Music
Tuesday	P.E.	Technology (A week) / Guidance (B week)	Art
Wednesday	Technology (A week) / Guidance (B week)	Music	Guidance (A week) / Technology (B week)
Thursday	Intervention & Enrichment	Intervention & Enrichment	Intervention & Enrichment
Friday	Music	Art	P.E.

REMINDERS:

- 1) **Please complete the following survey in full ASAP.** The private information provided below is for teacher communication purposes only and will not be published publicly.
(Clickable link available at the top of the grade 5 webpage)

<https://forms.gle/XWtfrZdXHDTsxiLY9>

- 2) Please familiarize yourself with the Grade 5 websites on the Carderock webpage, noting that there have been some changes to hopefully de-clutter the site's previous editions.

As you will see, this is our most “real time” form of communication through which students and families can access nightly homework, calendar announcements, and more.

- a. In addition to our website, we will use the email addresses you provide in the above survey for a streamlined, weekly memo. This new addition to our parent communication hopes to make it even easier to stay on top of your kids graded work, fifth grade announcements, and more.

- 3) Mark your calendars! **Back to School Night** is Thursday, September 12. For those new to grade 5, we will be hosting our team presentation together in the All Purpose Room. If you plan to attend multiple grade level sessions, we recommend simply remaining in the APR for our first presentation.

For those unable to attend, a PDF of the night's PowerPoint, will be available atop the grade 5 website.

We hope that the kids enjoy the first week of school.

We are excited for all that this year has in store!

~ **The Fifth Grade Team**