

Welcome to Grade 4/5!

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Greetings Fourth and Fifth Grade families!

We are so excited to share this year of learning with you! All is being prepared in the classrooms. We look forward to working together to get the year off to a great start!

The following is a list of important things to remember about our days at school:

Breakfast - Breakfast, which is free again this year, will be served in the classroom from 8:05-8:20. If you would like your child to eat at school, please have them here at 8:05 as uneaten breakfasts get picked up by 8:25.

Snack - We will have time for a snack in the classroom. Please send along a healthy snack for your child (no candy please, it will not be served.) You may send a snack daily or keep it in a box in their locker.

Math - For math this year, fourth and fifth grade students will be splitting into different classrooms. Mrs. Derricks will be teaching fourth graders, while Mr. Scharenbroch and Mrs. Johnston will be teaching fifth graders. Our math program is called "Bridges." More information about this curriculum can be found on our websites. **Students will be getting their Home Connections book at the beginning of the year and will be**

responsible for ripping out the home learning and bringing it back on its assigned date. All home learning will be posted on the teacher blogs.

Specials - Students will have music, gym, art, and movement, each class with its own dedicated teacher.

Library - We will be using both the school library and Mead Public Library for books this year. It would be great for your child to have a library card from Mead, as we plan to use the public library once a month. You can sign up for this card in person, or online at meadpl.org. **Please have your child bring in an extra library card, or a piece of paper with their card number and password (which is the 4 digit PIN), by Friday, September 5th.** We will keep these throughout the year so they do not need to bring them back and forth.

End of the Day- We have an “appreciations” meeting to complete our school day. We value this as part of our school culture. Please wait in the entryway for the bells to ring and the doors to be opened. School releases at **3:10** each day this year. Names will start to be called for pickup five minutes prior to the end of the day.

Transportation - For the safety of your child, it is important that we keep them in the classroom at the end of the day until you come in to pick them up (unless they are designated to a bus or after school care). We will only release your child to individuals that are approved on your information sheet in the office. If you ever need to make a change for the day please call or email Ms. Madajewski (in the office) or the classroom teacher. Any other arrangements, such as “my child needs to wait outside for me,” should be communicated ahead of time. Please keep in mind that there will be no adults to supervise outside at the end of the day.

Binder/Planner- Your child will have a binder with a planner that will come home daily (except Fridays.) Any home learning, notes, or important documents will be sent home in this binder. Please make sure your child brings it back to school **daily**. Each child will be responsible to get their planner signed each night!

Home Learning - There is home learning each evening: Fourth and fifth graders will be asked to read for at least 25 minutes every night, and their reading log will be due on Fridays. There is space in the planner for parents to sign off on their reading minutes each night. There may be other times throughout the year where students might need to finish class work as well; that will be written in their planners. We may also send home math connections when the students need a bit more practice.

Home Learning Incompletion Policy:

- 1) If a student is **NOT** done with their home learning for the week (either reading or math) they will owe a lunch on Friday. Expect an email each time this happens.
- 2) After three times in a trimester, a parent meeting will be held to try to rectify the issue.
- 3) After five times in a trimester, a meeting with Mr. Hamm will be held, along with parents to try to rectify the issue.

Units - This year our units of focus will be focusing on both social studies and science. Our first unit will be dealing with environmental studies. Our second unit will deal with world perspectives. Our third and final unit will deal with natural energy.

Communication - We will be updating our blogs once a week and send an email out when we do so. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email. If you have an urgent matter during the school day, please contact the office at the number listed above as we don't always make it to our email until the end of the day.

Parent Volunteers - If you are looking for an opportunity to come into the classroom to help, please email us and let us know when you are available and what you might be comfortable doing. In the past, the 4-5 classes have had parents help during math times, run reading groups, or help work during project times. If there is ever a special need for volunteers, we will send an email out with what we are planning and what we might need help with. All volunteers are required to have a background check on file ahead of time, which can be filled out in the office. You can find the online form here:

<https://securevolunteer.com/SHEBOYGAN-AREA-SCHOOL-DISTRICT/home>

We look forward to working with all of you this school year!

Here's to a great year!

Mrs. Johnston

Mrs. Derricks

Mr. Scharenbroch