

5th Grade Handbook

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Homework

We believe homework is an important component in fostering responsibility, organization, and self-discipline. *We also understand families need time to relax and enjoy one another.* Students will be given time in class to complete assignments, if not completed during this time class work may be sent home. Students will be held accountable for keeping track of daily assignments and completing those assignments. Each student was provided a homework planner which can be found at the end of the Rock Port R-II Elementary Student and Parent handbook. Our expectations for the students are as follows:

- Keep track of daily assignments.
- Complete and turn in all assignments on time.
- All assignments are due at the beginning of each class (unless previously stated in class).
- Always do his or her best work and complete it neatly, or re-do it.
- Work on his or her own (unless specific instructions are noted otherwise), and ask for help only after his/her best effort has been put forward.

Students start each quarter with one late assignment pass and each semester a free assignment pass. After these are used, there is a procedure in place (See Detention Policy). Students will **NOT** receive a note to bring home for each detention mark. Only after three detention marks will your child bring home a notice of detention.

Cheating: Cheating in any form *will not* be tolerated. See the RPE Student Handbook for the Academic Dishonesty policy.

Daily Work

Please ask your child on a daily basis to see their work and/or homework planner. On occasion, you will be asked to sign a paper, study guide, or test. These papers should be signed and returned the next day. This is a good practice to follow so that there are no surprises about your child's work at grade checks or report card time.

Newsletters / Communication

Periodically, we will be sending out newsletters. Newsletters include important test dates, events in the classroom, reminders, recognition, etc. We encourage parents to download and utilize the Apptegy app (also known as Rooms on the Rock Port app).

Please feel free to email us with any questions. All calls during class time should go directly to the office. We are often unable to answer calls, emails, or listen to voicemails during class hours. Messages requiring immediate attention should be left at the office. We will generally respond to any messages Tuesday-Friday between 7:45am and 3:55pm.

Progress Reports

We are fortunate to have PowerSchool here at Rock Port. Along with regularly scheduled reports, grades will be updated several times during the week on the PowerSchool website. Parents have access to PowerSchool and are encouraged to check their child's grades on a regular basis. Please contact us anytime you have questions or concerns about your child's grade in a class.

Unplanned Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office, as well as his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. This allows us to start the process of getting make-up work prepared. If your child has a sibling at school, please ask him/her to pick up the day's work. If no sibling is available to pick up work, please make arrangements to have your child's work picked up. All make-up work is due two days from the date your child returns to school or the Late Work Policy applies (see page 8 in the RPE Student Handbook).

Planned Absences

Please let us know a week in advance so that we can compile your child's work for those days. Please encourage your child to be a diligent worker and to complete quality work. Work should be completed before family vacations/trips or during travel. School work from planned absences is due upon return to school.

Detention

Incomplete Assignment Notification

Your student will NOT receive a note to bring home for each detention mark he/she receives. After three late or incomplete assignments, he/she will bring home a detention notification (please see the RPE student handbook) indicating what subjects the detention marks came from, as well as information about the scheduled detention. The note will need to be signed and returned within 2 school days.

Three detentions in a midterm will result in ISS for students.

It is important for fifth graders to become more responsible for their actions. If we work together to foster responsibility on the student's part, we can prepare him/her better for junior high.

Behavior

The expectations for behavior in 5th grade are that students should be **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible** at all times. If a student is not safe, respectful, and/or responsible, they will be given a detention mark, similar to those for late work. If/when a student gets 3 detention marks (of any kind, late work or behavior), they will be given detention.

Holiday Parties

We will have several classroom parties to celebrate holidays. These include: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and The Last Day of School. Even if you do not sign up for a party, your help or contribution is very much appreciated. If you plan to bring ice cream of any kind, please bring the individual serving cups and spoons. On occasion we show a movie at the end of a party or at the end of a semester and some are rated PG. For instance; *Because of Winn Dixie* for ELA.

Water

All students should bring in a water bottle to keep cool water in during school. Please ensure that your child does not bring anything too large or breakable. If this practice becomes a distraction, your child will lose this privilege. The only drink allowed will be plain water. If a student brings something other than water, the student will be asked to dispose of it. Water bottle fill up times will be implemented into the schedule.

Before School

Students should not be in the classroom or hallways prior to being dismissed from the cafeteria. If for some reason a student needs to come to the room, he/she may gain permission and quickly get what they need and return to the cafeteria. ***One exception to this is that we are available during this time to help with any homework questions your child might have.***

After School

Unless your child has made arrangements with a teacher to stay after school, he/she should not be in the building after school unless there is adult supervision. If your child has practice or some other event after school, prior arrangements should be made and your child should be aware of them.

Academics

If you or your child have any questions regarding academics, please contact the appropriate teacher:

- **Social Studies/ELA:** Mrs. Thomas
- **Science and Mathematics:** Mrs. Weber
- **Spelling:** Will be taught by the student's homeroom teacher

Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader program is implemented to encourage reading outside the school setting and to help assess comprehension. As students finish books, tests will be taken on the computer and points earned. Points per book vary with the length and reading level of each book.



Please sign, detach, and return this page.

Thanks!

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Weber

We have read and understand the policies of the fifth grade handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please fill in the following information:

Parent Names: _____

Email addresses: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Preferred communication (please circle): email - phone call - note home - any