

5th & 6th Grade Handbook

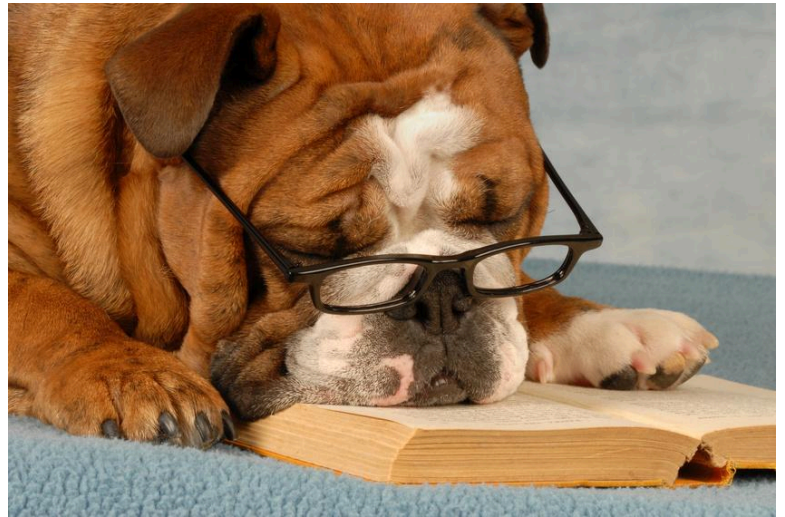
Accelerated Reading

The ultimate goal of AR is to build a lifelong love of reading in every student. Toward this end, each student will be assessed and given a reading goal based on their assessment results each marking period. Students are expected to read daily both in school and at home. All testing will be done at school on an almost daily basis.

Students that achieve 100% of their goal will be rewarded at the end of the marking period with participation in a school activity. In addition to the school activity, students who achieve BEYOND their goal will have their names listed on our AR bulletin board, located outside the library and be entered in a raffle for a Barnes & Noble gift card each marking period. The higher they achieve BEYOND their goal, the more chances they will have to win.

We are lucky to have AR online. This means that there are many more books that can be tested in the classroom. You can check at home online if a book is an AR book by going to www.arbookfind.com and entering the title of the book. This site will also let you know how many points each book is worth.

Lastly, students' grades will drop $\frac{1}{2}$ grade, for example: an "A" would drop to an "A-", if their Accelerated Reading goal is not met each marking period. But, if students EXCEED their Accelerated Reading goal, their grade would INCREASE $\frac{1}{2}$ grade. For example: a "B+" would increase to an "A-".!!



Accelerated Math

My goal for your child is to be successful and enjoy Math. Math is a fundamental part of everyday life. Students' grades will consist of two parts: fifty percent of their grade will come from textbook work, quizzes, projects(both individual and group), and test and the other fifty percent of their grade will come from Accelerated Math.

Students will be assigned Math problems to complete in class or at home after the daily lesson. All homework assignments are due the following day, unless otherwise stated. Accelerated Math is a program purchased by the

school. Each grade has Math objectives that are assigned to students at a cumulative pace. Students will be encouraged to scan daily. Students will have also have goals set for them which will be challenging, but reachable each marking period.

Homework

Homework assigned outside the classroom is to be completed by students only. I encourage parents to help students, but allow them to finish the work themselves. It is the student's responsibility to see that all assignments are neatly finished and turned in on time. Homework will be due upon entering the class the following day it is given, unless otherwise stated by teacher.

Regarding the planner: I will only have students write work to be completed at home in their planner. I will also have them mark quizzes, tests, and upcoming assignments or projects in them. I reserve the right to change the date for test, quizzes, and assignments as I see fit. Sometimes I may reteach curriculum, which mean I have to push back the date of things written in the planner.

Late Work

If a student does not enter the classroom in possession of his/her homework assignments, the student loses twenty-five percent (25%) of the assignment's final grade. I will accept late assignments **ONE** day late only. After one day has passed, the student will receive a zero on that assignment. It is pertinent to get work in on time. Students' good work habits formed early set them up for success later in life. Please check your child's planner for any homework assigned during the day.

Make-up Work

Students are responsible for obtaining missing assignments and completing them on time. Two school days will be allotted for each absence. Make-up work may be picked up after school in the office. Make-up work must be turned in to the teacher during the regular class period.

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be made available throughout the year for students. Students should complete extra credit when offered in class, as I will not give out extra credit work when students request it from me toward the end of the marking period. This will be a firm policy.

Progress Reports

Students will be given 2 separate progress reports on Monday each week: one being Accelerated Math and the other will be TeacherEase. Parents

with email access may opt out of the Teacher ease paper progress reports and check grades online, thus saving paper. Please let me know if you would like to opt out of the paper progress reports from TeacherEase. If we have a short week, I will not send reports home.

Specials

Our schedule this year includes specials each week that are: Computers, Music, Physical Education, Art, Band, and Spanish.

Mass

Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. If a Holy day falls during the week, we will attend mass that day and there will be no mass on Friday. We practice songs for mass during the week. Parents are always welcomed to join us. Please check your Thursday newsletter for mass information. Please check your school handbook for the dress code for mass. **Students will be required and given attendance points for attending Sunday Mass during Catholic School's week. If students are not members of St. Elizabeth and have commitments in their home church, please notify me ahead of time.**



Field Trips

We usually take several field trips per year. I encourage parents to participate when able. You will be notified in advance of any field trip and will be asked to complete a permission slip. If you would like to participate in our field trips, the Diocese requires you to attend a VIRTUS training session. Please see me if you are interested and I will get more information. Parent must also have an I-chat background check in order to attend field trips, which is the same as previous years.

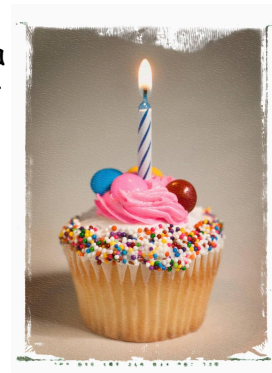
School Newsletter

The newsletter informs you about what is happening and any special activities in each grade. School newsletters go home every week with the oldest child enrolled in school (one newsletter per family). They are also available via email. If you would like your newsletter emailed, please let Ms. Theresa know.

Snacks and Birthdays

We will take the time during our afternoon break to have a snack. Please, send in a nutritious snack once a month that will feed at least 17-20 students.

We will celebrate students' birthday throughout the course of the year including summer birthdays at the end



of the school year. You are welcomed to send in a special treat for the whole class that day. Please let me know if birthday celebrations are not traditional in your family.

Behavior Curriculum

Our classroom rules are: Be Safe, Be Optimistic, Be Accountable, and Be Respectful. When a child has to be disciplined in my room, he/she will be addressed individually.

Thank you in advance for all your help and I look forward to a great year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me before 7:55 A.M. or after 3:10 P.M. at 989-868-4108. You may also contact me at my home; my number is 791-6654. My email address is abojo@steliz.net

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