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September 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to fifth grade! We hope that the information below will help to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming year.

We strive to prepare each child for the transition into middle school. We follow the 5th Grade Next Generation Learning Standards. A main component of these standards is to have students use critical thinking skills and answer higher order thinking questions.

In order to accomplish this, one main focus will be literacy. Ninety minutes of each day will be devoted to developing reading, writing, listening and speaking skills using a variety of literary genres. Our literacy curriculum includes the program *Into Reading*, a classroom library organized by genre and reading level, grammar workbooks that help develop specific language skills, test preparation books, and current events publications.


The math program *EnVision* is geared to help each child meet the Next Generation Learning Standards as well. It is designed to help each child think logically, to solve problems, and to calculate correctly and understand and apply mathematical concepts. Children will learn to apply language skills in their mathematical thinking. The curriculum provides a wealth of materials and manipulatives to help students become life-long mathematical thinkers.

Our social studies curriculum is the study of the *Passport to Social Studies*; it includes geography, history, economics, cultural studies, and map skills. The children will also have opportunities to develop their research skills.

Our science curriculum, *Amplify*, will include the study of the scientific method, life processes, ecosystems, and earth science. This curriculum includes the use of various books and materials. This year we will continue to prepare for the NY State Science Exam in the fifth grade.

The students may also have Art, STEAM, Physical Education, Dance and Music as the schedule allows – all of which will make for a rich school year.

Homework will be assigned each day. Some assignments will be daily, while others will be long-range. Any assignment should not be saved until the last minute. Each day, assignments will be copied into the assignment notebook to help students remember and aid parents in checking homework. If homework is not completed, it will reflect in the

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student's grades. Please check your child's agenda/assignment notebook nightly and be sure all homework is done neatly and completely. In addition, please be certain that your child is engaged in independent reading each night. Tests, class work, class participation, attendance, and homework all count toward your child's report card grades.

We will also be using Google Classroom for assignments, tasks and tests. When using technology, we would like all students to adhere to the Digital Citizenship guidelines.

In the event you need to speak to a teacher concerning your child, please email your child's classroom teacher or send in a note with your child in their homework folder. Your child's teacher will respond as soon as possible. Teachers' emails will be provided to you on the first day of school. Emails will be very important for contacting teachers and getting information for your child.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and cooperation. We look forward to a productive and collaborative year.

Sincerely,

The Fifth-Grade Teachers

