

August 2025

Dear Parents,

I'm so excited to be your child's fifth grade teacher! This will be my twelfth year working on the Acacia staff and I feel incredibly privileged to be a part of such a hardworking, dedicated team. I received my Multiple Subject credential from California Baptist University in Riverside, and have a Masters in Elementary Curriculum Design and Instruction from CSUF. In addition to being GATE certified through Fullerton School District, I have also attended UCI where I received my GATE certification.

I have two kids that are also Acacia pandas, Maddox (12) and Zoey (9), that your child will soon be hearing countless stories about. My husband is a firefighter engineer and we have been married for 15 years. We celebrated our most recent anniversary by completing all 225 miles of the John Muir Trail northbound in 15 days! In my free time, you can find me running, rock climbing, canyoneering, backpacking, going camping with my family, and training for an upcoming mountaineering trip. I can't wait to get to know you and your family more as the year progresses!



During the first week of school, we will be spending time going over our class rules and procedures to ensure that our classroom is a positive and efficient environment. We will also be spending time getting to know each other! To help me get to know your child a bit better, please take some time to fill out this [Family Insight Questionnaire](#). Are you interested in helping out in the classroom? Yay! Here's a [Classroom Volunteer](#) Google Form you can fill out. 😊 Thank you in advance!

Schedule: Here is a general idea of what our schedule will look like this year. Please note that time frames will change a bit as we introduce 5th grade rotations- more on that at Back to School Night.

5th Grade Schedule	
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	
(*PE 9:16-10:06 Tuesday/Friday)	
Subject Area	Times
Class Meeting/Check In/Morning Work	8:00 - 8:20
ELA/ELD/Writing	8:20 -10:06
RECESS	10:06-10:20
Math/Catch-up**	10:20-12:00
LUNCH	12:00 - 12:40
ELA/Read Aloud	12:40 - 1:00
Science/Social Studies/All the Arts/Second Step	1:00 - 2:25
Pack up/Dismissal	2:25-2:30

5th Grade Schedule	
Wednesdays	
Subject Area	Times
Check In/Morning Work	8:00 - 8:20
ELA/ELD/Writing	8:20 -10:06
RECESS	10:06-10:20
Science Lab or Math Tutorial	10:20-11:55
LUNCH	11:55 - 12:25
Dismiss	12:25-12:30

School Supplies: Not sure what your child will need for the first day of school? [HERE](#) is the 5th grade supply list. Please note it is also accessible on the Acacia website. There will also be extra supplies available for them in the classroom if needed!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Back to School Night: **Thursday, August 14th**
 - Session #1: 6:00-6:40 or
 - Session #2: 6:45-7:25
- iPad pick up: **Wednesday, August 13th**
 - “Acceptable Use” paper must be signed & returned prior to students taking ipads home.
- iReady Diagnostic #1: **starts Thursday, August 15th**
 - Results will be sent home after all students have completed both diagnostics.

Behavior Plan: Students will have ample opportunities to earn rewards in our classroom. We use a classroom economy system where students have the opportunity to earn money (Guerrero dinero) that they can exchange for various classroom incentives at our monthly class store & class pass sale. Occasionally, students need to be reminded of appropriate classroom behavior. In this case, I use this 5 step consequence chart. This helps to ensure that all students feel safe and respected in our classroom.

Consequences	
WHAT HAPPENS IF WE BREAK A RULE?	
1	Redirect / Take a Break FIND YOUR SELF CONTROL.
2	Sideline Convo W/ Teacher YOU BREAK IT, YOU FIX IT! RESTORE THE RELATIONSHIP.
3	Logical Consequence & Parent Contact THE CONSEQUENCE WILL FIT THE BEHAVIOR.
4	Reflection Letter & Loss of a Privilege THINK ABOUT HOW THIS CAN BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY.
5	Principal Meeting AT THIS POINT, WE NEED EXTRA HELP.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year. As a parent myself, I truly understand the importance of knowing that your child is happy, healthy, and growing, and I promise to do everything in my power to ensure that these needs are being met. As we work together, I am confident that this will be an amazing and successful year for us all. I look forward to greeting your 5th grader on Monday and meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

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