

What to Expect in 5th Grade

Switching Classes

For most 5th graders, this isn't a new way of life. Students will rotate throughout the day in blocks or classes. Depending on how our teachers are grouped, a 5th grader may have 2-4 teachers that they see each day. The teachers will assist the students in learning how to be prepared for switching classes. The expectations and rules are consistent in every class/team. The 5th grade teachers consider themselves a team rather than a single class. However, just like middle school, each student has a *Homeroom* teacher. They are their "Go To" teacher and will start and end their day with this teacher.

Leaders and Role Models

Our 5th graders are the leaders here at SEL. With that comes many responsibilities as well as privileges. We expect ALL of our 5th graders to follow our Wolf PACK...be Prepared, be Attentive, be Caring, be Kind! We reward the positive and work on correcting the negative.

Effort = Success

Reading

Fact: Reading 20 minutes a day = 3,600 minutes in a school year = 1,800,000 words!!!! Students who read have a stronger vocabulary and are more likely to be more successful in school...and life! 20 minutes a day.....that's not too much to ask! Our goal is to instill a true love of reading by imbedding it into our day, showering them with options, and encouraging them to always achieve their highest potential.

Priority Folders

Every 5th grader will be required to keep a 3-ring binder called a "Priority Folder." This will house their agendas, homework, study guides, graded papers, pencils/paper, etc. We encourage and reward students for having it with them at all times AND having a parent sign their agenda each night. This is a very similar approach as middle school and is a wonderful way for teachers and parents to communicate!

Projects and Homework

5th Graders should expect 45 minutes to 1 hour of homework each night during the school week. Most nights, this will consist of math, spelling and reading. Over the weekend, they may occasionally have tests to prepare for or projects to complete. Students are assigned 1 book report and 1 Social Studies project each 9 weeks. Finally, each 5th grader will be required to complete a Science Fair project, due date TBA.

Grades

Our 5th grade families/students are highly encouraged to check their progress daily by using eSembler. This is a great web site offered here in Lake County. All you need is their student I.D. You can even set the preferences to send you information daily to your e-mail or mobile device! Check out Lake County's web site for the link.