

Sept. 12, 2014

Ms. Yentes

Fifth Grade Classroom

Dear Fifth Grade Family,

I can't believe it is already time to send mid-term grade checks home for the first nine weeks. These first few weeks have just flown by. Please sign and return your child's mid-term report so that I know you have seen it. You will notice on their reports that there is not a grade given for Science / Health. You may be wondering, "Well, when will my child learn about science?" That's an excellent question. The science standards for fifth grade are actually quite small when compared to the social studies standards. The main reason for this difference is fifth grades are formally assessed by the test on the social studies curriculum. Science will not be formally tested this year. This means we need to have a bigger focus on social studies. The science curriculum will still be taught but won't be started until late April/early May. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

Ms. Denise Yentes



The weather changes on a daily basis. Please remind your child to dress appropriately.

Thank you!!



DARE

At first, the majority of our Wednesdays together will be focused on the health curriculum. Officer Sheatzel will be the DARE program to our fifth graders again this year. He'll talk about the importance of avoiding harmful substances like alcohol, drugs, and smoking cigarettes. The curriculum also focuses on the the positive and negative effects of peer pressure. The DARE program will start on Wednesday, September 10th.

LUNCH & SNACKS

We will eat lunch daily at 11:55. Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack each day. Students are also welcome to bring water bottles.

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

We have specials daily beginning at 8:20.

- Monday: Art
- Tuesday: Library
- Wednesday: Computer
- Thursday: Gym
- Friday: Music

Treats/Birthdays

I want to celebrate your child's birthday! I always try to block out some time to celebrate your child's special day. Students are always welcome to bring treats to eat but we do have a new requirement from the federal government. All treats need to be store or bakery bought and must include a nutrition label. The purpose behind the law is prevent possible mishaps from occurring if a child were to be diabetic or have a food allergy. I know this is a big change, so I wanted to thank each of you for your understanding and compliance.



Please visit my website at:
msyentes.weebly.com

COMMUNICATION

I will send home newsletters with important reminders and updates. Please sign up for our Remind 101 too. I will send out information on that as well.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have questions or concerns. My contact information is on the front.

HOMEWORK:

MATH FACTS: It is important that your child know their multiplication facts. They can practice these orally or with a dry erase marker at home each night.

Other homework assignments will also be noted in the agenda book that is sent home each day. Please look over this each night, and sign to acknowledge that your child has completed all homework. If at anytime you have concerns about your child's homework, please contact me.

BEHAVIOR

I will be using a clip chart in the classroom. Students can clip up or clip down based on behaviors they exhibit in class. Again, it is important that you check and sign the agenda book each day because if your child moves to orange a note will be sent home in his/her agenda book. If your child has repeated behavior concerns, we will discuss an individual behavior plan that will best benefit your child.