



Welcome Parents!

Burr Elementary School
Fifth Grade
Open House
September 13, 2017

Our Team

Mr. Brian Jasgur - Math

Mrs. Sabrina Phillips - Reading

Mrs. Karis Beno - Writing

Miss Haley Vitko & Miss Michelle D'onofrio - Special Education

Mrs. Laura Williams - Spanish



General Schedule

8:45-9:15	Arrival, Announcements, and Morning Meeting Small Group/Morning Work
9:15-10:15	Specials- PE, Music, Chorus, Art, Spanish
10:20-11:30	Session 1 (Snack)
11:30-12:35	Session 2
12:40-1:30	Recess/Lunch/Quiet Time
1:30-2:40	Session 3
2:40-3:15	Content- Science & Social Studies
3:15-3:25	Pack-up, Closing Circle, Read Aloud, Dismissal

Rotating Schedule



- As you know, instead of a Monday-Friday schedule we have a 6 day rotating schedule (Days A-F)
- The schedule is "locked in" for the year.
- The goal is to have a more equitable distribution of special area class meeting times
- Band and String days do NOT rotate
 - Students are responsible for making up any work that they miss

Switching Classes



Our Classroom Community

- Behavior Contract
- Class Rules and Expectations
- Classroom and Behavior Management Programs
(Responsive Classroom)
 - Logical Consequences
 - Academic Choice
 - Morning Meetings
 - Friendship Fix-its
 - Take a break

Fifth Grade Curriculum

● Reader's Workshop

"Students read quietly and privately, and then they have opportunities to share their thinking about books with their reading partners, in small groups, and in whole-class discussions." (Kathy Collins)

- Teacher-directed mini-lesson within units of study
 - Conferring & Small groups
- Launch
- Historical Fiction Clubs
- Non-Fiction - Exploration and Colonies
- Fantasy Book Clubs
- Reading to Research and Argue
- Research Clubs



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- Math Workshop
- Balanced Mathematics Instructional Model
 - Inquiry problems for investigation
 - Guided lessons
 - Direct or explicit instruction
- Focus to develop conceptual understanding AND provide opportunities to practice skills
- Mental math skills, rounding/estimation strategies integrated/embedded
- Supplementing our mathematics program with Bridges 2nd edition Mathematics
- Number Corner is a regular practice of skills and concepts which target the mathematical standards across the school year



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- units of Study:
 - Factors, Numerical Expressions and Volume
 - Fractions
 - Place Value and Decimals
 - Multiplication and Division of Whole and Decimal Numbers
 - Fraction Operations
 - Graphing, Geometry and Volume
 - Measurement and Data



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- Social Studies
 - Unit 1: Exploration and Early Colonies
 - Unit 2: The 13 Colonies
 - Unit 3: The American Revolution
 - Current Events (Time for Kids)

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- Science

- Earth, Sun and Moon / Seasons
- Nervous System, Senses
- Light and Sound
- Spring on the River
 - Mill River



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- Health

- SHAPE - Town Police officer
- Safety and Accident Preparedness - Classroom presentation
- CARES - Classroom and school-wide assemblies
- Family Life/Human Growth and Development - Health Coordinator

Homework

- Students should spend approximately 50 minutes each evening completing homework assignments including 20 minutes of reading.
 - Some days your child may only have reading homework
- "Incomplete Homework" notices to be signed by parent and student.
- Website: <http://burrgrade5.weebly.com/>
 - Link from Burr Homepage > Teachers
- Assignment Books
 - Students will be issued assignment books. They should write down their assignments daily. Quizzes, tests, long-term projects, and other information should be noted as well.
 - Please review your child's assignment pad daily

Preparing for 6th Grade

- Fostering Independence: Problem Solving, Personal Responsibility
- Time management opportunities: Reading Response, Passion Projects, Invention Convention, Book Clubs
- Logical Consequences: Holding students accountable for their work and actions
- Think Sheets
- Homework Slips

5th Grade Special Events

- High Touch, High Tech (Senses)
- Fairfield Museum and History Center (Social Studies)
- Discovery Museum (Light and Sound)
- Mill River (River Systems)
- Fifth Grade Field Day (YMCA)
- End-of-the-Year Trip: (TBD)

Birthday Celebrations

- Email to set up a surprise birthday reading date. Choose a special book to share with the class.
- Email to let us know if you'd like to send in a non-edible treat to celebrate your child's birthday.
- Allergy Policy

Alternate Dismissal

- Notes MUST be sent with students who will be picked up; all other students will be sent home on their assigned buses.
- Calls/emails to the office for a change in dismissal for your child can be made until 1pm.
- Please do not email teachers with dismissal changes
- Students needing early dismissal must be picked up before 3pm.

Goals

- Each student will feel confident in his or her abilities in the classroom and at home
- Each student will be challenged academically
- Each student will try his or her hardest each day
- Each child will feel proud of his or her accomplishments

We ask you to...

- Stay involved in your child's education by consistently discussing, reviewing and checking his/her assignments.
- Hold your child accountable for their actions and enforce consequences at home.
- Encourage your child to participate in school-wide activities and try to come to events and activities including parent/teacher conferences
- Communicate effectively with your child and the 5th grade team

Tonight's Classroom Visit

- Visit the fifth grade classrooms
- Write a note to your child
- Conference sign-up will be via Sign-up Genius
More information to come
- LLC Volunteer Sign up



Please contact us with any questions
or concerns...

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We look forward to working with your child and your family this year. Please do not hesitate to email or schedule an appointment with us if you have any questions throughout the year. We encourage parent communication and our doors are always open!