

Grading Policy

- Parents will have access to all information via the class website and Parent Connection.
- Graded papers with a grade lower than 70 will require a parent signature.
- Homework—minimum time is 90 minutes per week for math and 90 minutes for reading. Science and Social Studies projects will be assigned as needed.
- Make-up work for absences—One day will be given for every day of the absence.
- Tests—60% of overall grade; Class work—40% of overall grade; Homework—counts as citizenship grade
- Students may be allowed to retake tests if the score is below 70%. They will be notified and will have a week to schedule and take the test again.

Schedule

Fifth Grade Conference: 8:35-9:20

Daily Schedule

7:30-8:00	Warm-ups/Announcements
8:00-8:30	HOWL time <i>*Advisory/Buddy/Class Meetings on Fridays</i>
8:35-9:20	SPECIALS
9:20-10:50	Math
10:50-12:25	Language Arts Block
12:25-12:55	Lunch
12:55-1:10	Recess
1:10-2:00	Science
2:00-2:35	Social Studies
2:35-2:45	Dismissal Procedures

About absences...

**All notes must have the child's first and last name, student ID number and include the date the child was absent. (not just, "Please excuse Billy for being sick yesterday.")

Suggestions for studying at home

- *Establish homework as a priority for your child.
- *Establish a daily homework time (earlier is better than later).
- *Make sure your child does his/her homework in an environment with limited distractions.
- *Provide positive encouragement, positive reinforcement, & praise to complete assignments to the best of his/her ability.

Classroom Wish List

- *Dry erase markers
- *Card stock
- *Paper Towels
- *Printer labels (any sizes)
- *Lysol wipes

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Fifth Grade Teachers

Mrs. Courtney Arruda
Mrs. Lisa Gilbert
Ms. Jill Baker
Mr. Oliver Marcos
Mrs. Victoria Martinez
Mr. Matthew Rigby

Citizenship

- Our plan is based on the six pillars of character. There is one category on the report card: responsibility/citizenship.
- When the children bring their citizenship folders home weekly, please note the number of marks and sign in the box. Use this as an opportunity to evaluate and set goals towards becoming a better citizen.
- Citizenship folders must be signed and returned on the following school day. Failure to do so will result in a mark in your child's folder.

Reminders



- **Planners:** Assignments and homework will be written into the planner daily. Planners should be coming home nightly as a checklist for you to see what we are doing on a daily basis. Please have your child check his or her planner every evening.
- **Dress Code:** With the warm weather right now, please make sure that your child is wearing appropriate shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. They need to be four inches above the top of the kneecap or longer. Students who come to school with inappropriate dress will be sent to the office to call home for a change of clothes. See district handbook for specifics.
- **Wednesday Folders:** Wednesday folders will come home every Wednesday afternoon. These folders will hold graded work and important information from the office, cafeteria, library, and community. Please sign log and remove papers weekly.
- **Spirit Day:** Every Friday is Spirit Day. Please remind your child to wear his or her Scarborough t-shirt. Your child may also wear another outfit that is MAINLY red and black. Our class will be recognized on the Husky Spirit Wall of Fame when we get 100% Spirit 5 times!

Promotion Criteria

Students must meet these specific requirements in order to be promoted to sixth grade:

- *Recall 50 multiplication/division facts in 6 min.
- *Explain problem solving processes using pictures, numbers, and words
- *Select & apply the appropriate operation to solve problems using key actions
- *Score a 3 or 4 on a writing sample
- *Achieve an overall grade average of 70% or higher.

Important STAAR Dates

April 1st	1st Administration of STAAR Math
April 2nd	1st Administration of STAAR Reading
April 23rd	STAAR Science

***A 2nd administration of STAAR Math and Reading will be given in May to students who did not pass the first test.

Progress Reports and Report Cards

A **Progress Report** will be coming home in the middle of each nine week grading period. Please sign it and return it the next day!

Report Cards will come home at the end of each nine week grading period. Please sign and return the bottom portion of the report card and the envelope. Keep the report card for your records!

Parent Connection is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week for parents to view attendance, grade averages, specific assignments, etc. Please utilize this resource as often as possible and have your child learn how to use it as well. <http://www.nisd.net/parentconnection/>

Friendly TIPS

- **School Hours** are from 7:45am-2:45pm. Students are tardy at 7:45 am. Students are absent at 9:00 am. If your child is absent, please make sure to send a note with him/her when he/she returns to school.
- **Snacks/Water Bottles:** Students may bring ONE nutritious snack (crackers, fruit, granola bars, etc.) and a pre-filled plastic water bottle with a secure lid (pure water only).
- **Morning Expectations in the 5th grade hallway before school:** Students can read, check over homework, or study facts. No toys.
- **NO Electronic Devices** (some examples are iPods, MP3 players, CD players, Gameboys) **are allowed in NISD schools!**
- **Transportation Change:** Please notify the office of any change in transportation before 2:00 p.m.— either by note, email, or phone call.
- **Birthday Celebrations:** Students may bring store-bought cupcakes or cookies, or parents may purchase ice cream from the cafeteria for the entire class. Celebrations will occur during recess. Please have items dropped off in the office by 12:00pm.
- **Middle School Preparations:**
Pre-AP Classes: Students need to consistently maintain high standards in both academics and responsibility in order for a teacher recommendation to be given for pre-AP classes.

Communication Corner

Communication is the key! Anytime you have a question, comment, or concern, please feel free to contact me:
School phone: 397-8040 ext. 3214

Email: Victoria.martinez@nisd.net

Check out:

<http://vmartinez5.weebly.com>

for our newsletter, important information, and links to great resources.