

5TH GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

2019-2020

OUR TEAM!

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YEAR AT A GLANCE

Quarter 1

Math- Characteristics of Numbers, Decimals & Fractions, Whole Number Computation

Social Studies- Civics, Global Awareness, Ancient Cultures

Reading Building Readers, Fiction: Character, Critical Literacy-Media

Writing Building Writers, Memoir, Persuasive Essays

Science- Landforms

Quarter 2

Math- Decimals, Add & Subtract Fractions, Algebra

Social Studies- Ancient Cultures

Reading Narrative NF, NF, Fantasy Book Clubs

Writing Narrative NF, Fantasy Short Stories

Science- Oceans

Quarter 3

Math- Decimals Pt 2, Measurement, Geometry

Social Studies-GATP Investigation, Research for GATP

Reading- Poetry, Research GATP

Writing- Poetry, Research GATP

Science- Energy of Light and Sound

Quarter 4

Math- Geometry, Data & Probability, Digging Deeper

Social Studies- Publish GATP, Renaissance

Reading- Functional Format, Testing as a Genre, Book Clubs

Writing- Journalism, Independent Projects

Science- Science in the Field

ADVANCED MATH IN 5TH GRADE

- Advanced math in 5th grade is very different from advanced in 4th.
- At the end of the year, students in advanced math will take the 6th grade SOL instead of the 5th grade test.
- Being in advanced math in 4th grade does not guarantee placement into advanced math. Placement is based on several criteria. Advanced math is very challenging for students and is not recommended for students who do not genuinely enjoy math and being challenged. Students who are struggling in 6th grade math will be placed back into 5th grade math with extensions.
- All students will have access to extensions throughout the year!

OUR SCHEDULE

8:30-8:40-Morning Routine

8:45-9:05 -TCTV & Morning Meeting

9:05-10:30- Block 1

10:30-11:00 -Recess

11:00-12:25- Block 2

12:25-12:55 - Lunch

12:55-1:20 - Block 3

1:20-2:20 - Specials

2:20- 3:20- Block 3

3:20-3:25 - Dismissal

BAND, STRINGS, & CHORUS

Students will have the opportunity to join band or strings as well as chorus. Band and Strings will meet once a week as part of their specials rotation. Students can also sign up for chorus which meets once a week and participate in the winter and spring concerts.

More information will come home in Thursday folders in the first few weeks of school.

Band and Strings is a yearlong commitment

COMMUNICATION

- For any early pickups, changes in dismissal, or absences, please email your student's teacher, AS WELL AS calling or e-mailing the office: Dee Cunningham & Valerie Moorehead, so that we may plan accordingly.
- Thursday folders will contain fliers from PTA, information about special events, and graded work. They need to be returned on Fridays (Student's responsibility)
- Parent teacher conferences - Held with homeroom teachers or subject specific. More information to come.

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COMMUNICATING CONCERNS

1. First, start by contacting your child's teacher via phone, note, or email.
2. If you continue to have the same concern, request a parent-teacher conference.
3. Depending on the type of concern, you may want to consult with a school counselor.
4. After communicating with the teacher and/or counselor and you still have concerns, contact an administrator.

**In case of a crisis or emergency, please contact your child's teacher and a counselor as well as any other necessary staff members (i.e. school health aide, public health nurse, etc.)*

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- **Keep in Touch (KIT)** messages are used to communicate directly to parents regarding emergencies or grade level/classroom specific messages.
- This system was used to send class placement notifications.
- This system uses the email address listed in our Student Information System. Please be sure they are updated with any changes.
- **News You Choose** bulletins are sent to anyone who signs up to receive information about Terra Centre.
- These messages include information about upcoming events, opportunities, and other things happening at Terra Centre!
- Weekly messages are sent out from administration as well as reminder messages when appropriate.
- Email addresses for families are uploaded from SIS, but parents can unsubscribe from these messages.
- Visit our school website to subscribe! <https://terracentrees.fcps.edu/>

HOMework

50 minutes per night

- Reading- All students should read on a nightly basis 20-30 minutes
- Math- Nightly 15-20 minutes
- Science- Monthly packets 10 minutes per night

- Occasional long-term projects
- If needed, unfinished work will come home

GRADES

Students are graded on their academic achievement, their effort, and their behavior.

4 – Exceeds grade level expectations

3 – Consistently meets grade level expectations

2 – Inconsistently meets grade level expectations

1 – Does not meet grade level expectations

The numbers do not correspond to the letter grades you will encounter in middle school. A student receiving all 3's is doing exactly what we would expect from them as a 5th grade student!

SOL'S

5th graders take three SOL tests

Reading- Fiction, Non-fiction, Word Analysis

Science- Cumulative- covering topics from 3rd-5th grade and tends to be one of the more challenging.

Math- 5th or 6th grade content, depending on the student

FIELD TRIPS/CLASSROOM VISITS

We will have 2 field trips this year. Information will go out closer to the dates for volunteers to chaperone.

Each class will need a room parent(s) willing to be our middle-man with the PTA and help plan class parties and facilitate our participation with PTA events.

If you would like to visit or volunteer in other ways, please email homeroom teachers.

FOOD POLICY

- Student health, wellness, and safety is our top priority.
- School policy is no outside foods should be brought in for birthdays or class parties.
- Students may bring in a personal snack - this should be easy, healthy, and nut free.

CELL PHONES & TABLETS

We strongly prefer that students do not bring cell phones to school. If your child *MUST* have a phone with them, it needs to be completely off and in their backpack ALL DAY - including dismissal.

If your child wants to bring in a tablet or e-reader for independent reading please email homeroom teacher.

Reminder: The school is not responsible for personal electronics

SOCIAL MEDIA

FCPS expects students to be responsible members of society and to display good citizenship at all times when using social media.

- In such activities, students are to respect the rights of others and to refrain from the use of profanity and hurtful messaging.
- Depending upon the specific circumstances, failing to adhere to these standards can lead to consequences under the SR&R.
- Adults should model for and monitor student's social media accounts and messaging.

(Most social media applications require users to be 13 years of age or older)

THANK YOU!

Looking forward to a great school year!