



Reading: Our core reading program is taught in a 90 minute block of time. We use 5th grade Treasures, a MacMillian reading series. We will also be using Time for Kids magazine, silent reading and story time. Remedial programs will be used as needed. Students are in flexible groups by reading levels.

Math: We use T.A.I. (Teaching Arithmetic Individually) to teach computation skills. Each child is in a different book working at their own level. We use the state standards to teach 5th grade math skills. Daily mini lessons on benchmark skills and basic fact drills are also used. Practice at home with their multiplication and division facts is needed. Leveled math groups will occur throughout the year depending upon the math strand we are currently studying.

Spelling: We use the Sitton Spelling program which emphasizes spelling of the most frequently used words. Your child will have spelling homework most nights. Please help them study their trouble words.

Writing: Our emphasis is on teaching the following writing modes: Expository and Narrative. We teach the state's scoring guide for writing with the focus on Ideas and Content, Organization, Conventions and Sentence Fluency.

SSH (Social Studies, Science and Health): Our emphasis in Social Studies is U.S. history and geography. We will also be teaching many science units to prepare the kids for the 5th grade science test. Some units will be: Health, Electricity, Geology, Solar System, Matter, Force and Weather.

P.E./Music/Library-Tech: We are now on a three day rotation.

Homework/ Homework Notes/Hard Worker Recess: Homework is given Monday-Thursday. Every night they will have a minimum of 20 minutes of reading and their summary chart to fill out. They will also have regular math and language arts assignments. Homework will generally take no more than an hour to complete. Homework is practice and it's O.K. to assist your child. We check over daily work and homework to see where each child needs assistance. We will assess each student at the end of the trimester.

On Fridays we have a recess. This is known as the "Hard Worker Recess." Those with their work completed will have the opportunity to participate. The others will stay in a study hall. At the end of the school week your child will bring home either a purple hard worker award or a yellow missing work report and a green behavior sheet. Make sure you look for these each week! The missing work needs to be completed over the weekend and returned on Monday.

Portfolio Conferences: We will be meeting with you and your child in October to share progress. At the end of the first trimester, in December, a portfolio of work will be coming home. Your child will be asking you to set up a time at home so they can share their first trimester accomplishments.

Special Activities: Halloween Show, field trips(WyEast Indian War canoe trip, Urban Tour downtown Portland, Play, Bonneville Dam, OMSI/Jet boats)Honor Roll parties, Fifties Day, Animated Movies (after school for interested 5th graders.)

Lunch Break: 11:40-12:20

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