

5th Grade Information Sheet

5th grade is the best! You will learn so much this year both academically and socially!

Proficiency Scales and PowerSchool

You will be graded this year based on a proficiency scale, ranging from 0 to 4.

Score 0.0

Even with help, you cannot perform the target

Score 1.0

With help, you can perform Score 2.0 and 3.0 targets

Score 2.0

Met foundational skills and vocabulary within the target

Score 3.0

Met the learning target

Score 4.0

Goes beyond the learning target

A score 3.0 should be met by the end of the unit or the end of the year, depending on what we are working on. You will earn some score 2.0s at the beginning of the year or unit. Don't panic! It just

means that we are probably working on one small part of a score 3.0 or a skill leading up to it that is a score 2.0. You should also track your progress in Power School.

Homework and Projects

Weekly Work: You will be responsible for completing all your work on time. That means that unfinished work becomes homework. You will have a weekly spelling and vocabulary practice packet to complete (Tuesday to Tuesday, along with the test), as well as reading at least 20 minutes a night.

Star Scientist: You will be responsible for completing an at home science experiment and then doing a short presentation about it to your classmates. The presentation must include a multi-media component (demo from your experiment, video clip, pictures, etc.) The experiment worksheet will be provided and must be submitted on the presentation date. Within the

first month of school you will choose your presentation date.

Book Projects and Presentations: Exposure to different texts is important, which is why you will be doing book projects throughout the year. Books must be approved by me, at least 150 pages long, and not something previously read. Once you have your book and read it, you will select from a list of projects available to complete and then prepare a 2-3 minute presentation about the book and your project on your selected due date.

Class Dojo

We will be using class dojo as a communication tool for our learner behaviors. You can earn points or lose points. Your parents will also be able to login and connect to see how you are doing. I also will use it to send your parents messages and pictures about what you are doing in class.

Book Projects Schedule

Month	Genre	Book Approval	Project Approval	Due Date
October	Reader's Choice - Fiction	9/6	9/27	10/3-10/4
December	Historical / Realistic Fiction	10/18	12/6	12/12-12/13
February	Mystery or Fantasy	12/20	1/31	2/6-2/7
April	Newberry Award Winning	2/21	4/3	4/9-4/10
May	Biography/Wax Museum	4/14	Wax Museum Deadlines	TBD (May)

**More information on Wax Museum dates and deadlines will come later.