

July 26, 2019



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! I am very excited to be working with your child. This will be my 14th year teaching and my 11th year teaching 5th grade. When I am not teaching, I love to play and watch sports and spend time with my family. My husband Chris and I have two wonderful little boys, Aiden (5 years old) and Zachary (almost 3 years old). They keep us very busy at home!

The 5th grade team is working together to make sure the needs of your child are met. Some students will leave my class throughout the day for math and language arts. Mr. Servis and I will be teaching advanced math and Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Lanning will teach advanced reading. There will be a note coming home today if we believe that your child would benefit from being in either, or both, of the advanced classes.

It is my hope that this year will be an interactive, exciting, and challenging experience for your child. I understand how important it is that we work as a team for the best interest of your child. Please allow me to become a partner with you in your child's education. Communication between home and school is very important. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. Together, we will have an AMAZING year!

Sincerely,

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Important Information for 5th Grade:

Homework:

Chandler Unified School District policy requires that 5th grade students have approximately 30-50 minutes of homework each night. Homework contributes to your child's sense of responsibility, ability to organize, and his or her success in school. There are a number of "long term" projects in fifth grade. To help with organization and planning, detailed packets will be sent home for parent review of larger projects in advance of these projects.

Each student in 5th grade is expected to read at least 20 minutes a night during the week.

Spelling: Students will be given a new spelling list every Monday and a posttest every Friday. The spelling words come from the Journeys program and are uploaded on my classroom website.

Papers to Keep and Papers to Return to School

Your child should be bringing their homework folder and agenda home each night. The folder and agenda should include the homework for the night, and any parent information. Please check this folder each night and only discard something with your child's permission.

Attendance: School starts at 8:25 every morning. Please help in making sure your student is here and on time every day. If your child is absent and you want that day's work to be in the office, please leave a request as soon as possible. If a request is not left in the morning, I will have your child's work ready for his/her return to school.

Lunch: Our lunch and recess begins at 10:50 and ends at 11:30. Lunch accounts are available for deposits through the cafeteria. They are available to buy lunch each day. If you would like to add money to your child's account, please have them bring cash or check and I will send them to the cafeteria between 8:30am – 8:45am. We suggest that you deposit money weekly, monthly or yearly, rather than daily. You can also make deposits into their lunch accounts at www.mylunchmoney.com. You will need to know your student's ID number with the school and our school zip code, 85248 to set up your account.

Café Expectations:

Walk at all times.

Students file into seats in the order they arrive.

Students raise hands for permission to get out of seats.

Students pick up all trash off the floor before they are dismissed for recess.

Students wait in their seats until the cleaning sponge gets to them.

Students who bought their lunch, throw away trash and STACK TRAYS.

Students who pack their lunch, throw away trash and put lunch box in classroom bin in front of the stage area.

Snacks and Water:

Your child may want to bring a healthy snack (no candy or junk food please) to eat in the afternoon as we have an early lunch. Bringing water bottles to school is strongly encouraged, especially when the temperature in Arizona approaches or exceeds the 100-degree mark. According to district policy and health requirements, water bottles must contain water only.

Items brought from home: One of the ways to make our day go smoothly is to make sure there are not any individual distractions. Some items that could cause your child to be distracted are: Toys, gum, candy, phones (must remain turned off in backpacks until they leave the campus), electronic games...etc. Please help your child to remember to keep these at home.

5th Grade Schedule 2019-2020

Time	Subject
8:25-8:45 (20 min)	Morning Routines
8:45-9:10 (25 min)	Math Part I
9:10-9:40 (30 min)	Specials Block
9:40-10:45 (65 min)	Math Part II
10:50-11:30 (40 min)	Recess/Lunch
11:35-12:20 (45 min)	Science/Social Studies or Library/Tech
12:20-12:55 (35 min)	Writing
1:00-2:45 (105 min)	ELA Block (and a 15 minute recess embedded)
2:45-3:00 (15 min)	End of Day Routines

Library (11:45-12:15):

Brown - Day 1
Lanning- Day 2
Pratt- Day 3
Servis- Day 4
Woodall- Day 5

Technology (11:35-12:15):

Servis – Day 1
Woodall- Day 2
Brown- Day 4
Lanning- Day 5
Pratt- Day 6