



Welcome to 5th Grade!

Important Dates

- September 12– Meet the Teacher
- September 30 – October 1 No School Rosh Hashanah
- March 25 & 26 – NYS ELA Test
- April 22 & 23 – NYS Math Test

Math

We have an exciting year of math to share with you. We will continue using the Go Math program this year. The students will take a Beginning of the Year Benchmark to assess what knowledge they already possess. We will begin by exploring number sense and place value. The students will be responsible for knowing the place value of a number as well as the value of each number given the place it is in. They will also have to know the relationship of a number as its position changes from left to right on the place value chart.

Shared Reading

Welcome to fifth grade! In Literacy this month, we will be working on Unit 1 in the Treasures program. The theme of this unit is "Taking a Stand". In this unit, students will listen, read, and write about what motivates people to take action. They will also develop and apply key comprehension skills that good readers use as they read.

In Guided Reading students will be assessed for their individual reading level which will guide instruction throughout the school year.

Fifth graders are expected to be reading at or above a level T in September. Please make sure your child is reading a minimum of 40 minutes each night to help develop fluency and build up reading stamina.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we will begin Unit 1, Geography and Early Societies of the Western Hemisphere. This month in Social Studies we will be researching physical features of the Western Hemisphere and how geologic processes shaped the physical environment. We will be researching and creating infographics about the Ice Age.

Science

In Science, we will begin Chapter 1: Cells and Kingdom. We will be learning about the classification of living things, the makeup of plant and animal cells, and animal systems. Additionally, we will be working closely with students to determine their current independent and guided reading levels for the beginning of the school year.



Writing

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer! We are excited to start the 2017–2018 school year and look forward to reading and sharing your student’s writing. We will start with a benchmark to assess your child’s writing skills and generate individual writing goals. In an effort to get to know the students we will be working on a writing piece called “Two Truths and a Dream”. Students will describe two things that are true about themselves and one dream they have for 5th grade. We will then begin our first unit in which we will introduce the 6 Writing Traits that will be utilized in all writing assignments throughout the year. Writing homework will include a nightly writing prompt to be completed in a writing journal. Please check OnCourse regularly as grades are updated often.

Meet the Teachers

Ms. Bencivengo– ELA 508
Ms. Cerullo/Ms. Esposito– Math 509
Ms. DeTommaso– Math 507
Ms. Ivoella –505
Ms. Lieto –ELA 513
Ms. Murphy– Astre 504
Ms. Palette/Ms. Faran –ELA 506
Ms. Rhone– Math 511EL
Ms. Sacco/ Ms. Ferrucci –A 512
Mr. Stark – Math 510

New York State Test Dates

ELA: March 25 & 26

Math: April 22 & 23

September Character Education

Bucket Fillers are those who help without being asked, give hugs and compliments, and generally spread their love and good feelings to others.

Reminders

- ✓ Please make sure all homework is completed each night!
- ✓ Tuesday from 2:20– 3:00 are designated for Parent Meetings. Please speak with your child’s teacher to schedule an appointment.
- ✓ All students should be independently reading 30 minutes each night.
- ✓ If you wish to contact your child’s teachers, you may call the school or e-mail them Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 am – 2:20pm.