

WELCOME to the 5th GRADE

Mrs. Bernardini & Mrs. Henderson
2017-2018

In this Manual you will find information regarding all of our procedures, expectations, and things to come throughout this school year. At the end of this manual there will be both a parent and a student contract. Once you have read through and signed the contract it will be filed with your child's homeroom teacher. If you wish to have a copy of your own, please let us know.

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INTRODUCTIONS

Hello and welcome to the 5th grade! We are excited and eager to start, what we know will be, another fantastic school year at Grahamwood Elementary. We are both young, innovative, modern teachers who truly live up to the saying “think outside of the box.”

There never seems to be a dull day in our classroom and we strive to make sure that your child is being challenged on various levels, but we also make it a priority to make the learning fun. There are no limits when it comes to learning in our class or what we will do to help your child enjoy the learning experience. We consider all of our students to be family and always treat them as such.

HOMEROOM EXPECTATIONS

Over the past year, we have worked to come up with the key things we expect to see everyday regardless of which homeroom your student is placed in.

- R.E.S.P.E.C.T find out what it means to me... I mean us. We will give every student AND parent the upmost respect and we hope that it will be returned. We are shaping your students to become successful for middle school and a large portion of that deals with respect to their peers, parents, teachers, etc. We will not allow any student to be disrespectful. If this becomes an issue, it will be handled with and brought to the parent's attention immediately. Our classrooms are a no bully zone!
- Work ethic- We may be teachers but we are also human. With that being said, we know that everyone has a family and other things in their life to take care besides homework and classwork. We do take that in to consideration before any assignment is given throughout the school year. Our goal is to hold the STUDENT responsible for their workload and not the parent. We expect students to try everyday in class and to put effort and pride into all of their work. We do not accept excuses in our rooms.
- Parent/ teacher relationships- Your children will become our family which means that you also become part of our lives and family. If you need to reach us at any time, we are more than willing to meet, call, text, email, or send a message in a bottle to answer any questions you may have. We do ask that you respect our class time and let us know if you need to meet right away, rather than just dropping in.

WHEN WE SWITCH

Mrs. Bernardini is the Reading Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher and Mrs. Henderson will teach Math and Science. Your student will need separate items for each class and we will review the specifics with both you and your students.

We do meet daily to discuss our classes progress, behavior, and anything we may need to address with either students or parents. Any conduct changes will be made your student's homeroom teacher regardless of whose class the changes were made in.

We prefer to meet with parents as a team. Even if a concern is directed more towards one subject, incident in class, or teacher, we work as a team and it helps us to meet as a team. This ensures that everyone is on the same page and aware of issues that may be occurring in or out of the classroom.

BRECKING DOWN THE GRADES

Our grading scale remains the same as last year.

A= 93-100

B=85-92

C=76-84

D=70-75

F= 69 and lower

All class grades are made up of a mixture of classwork, homework, tests, and participation. For participation this year each student will start with 100 pts. Each 9 weeks we have a set of 10 assignments that are each worth 10 points. Every student will have a participation file that contains their “score card.” When it comes time for one of the pre selected assignments to be checked, the points will be calculated. At the end of the 9 weeks, we will add all assignments together to give them their overall participation grade for quarter. These pre selected assignments will range from binder checks to project grades.

PROJECTS AND EXTRA CREDIT

Throughout the school year, your child will complete multiple in class and out of class projects. Again, we know that everyone here has a life and their dream isn't to work on projects every weekend. We will allow students class time to work on projects so that it will lighten their work load at home. Projects and rubrics will be sent home at least a week and a half in advance so that all students have adequate time to complete the assignment.

Extra credit will be given at the discretion of the teacher. It is not required for us to send home extra credit and is not mandated to be part of their overall grade.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

As previously stated, we consider both parents and students to be family. We are always here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We try to make it as easy as possible to contact us but we do ask that you respect our time just as we do yours. Below are some ways you can contact us:

- Remind App: Each student will be sent home with a code for BOTH teachers Remind App. **Please** sign up for both classes so that one teacher is not getting questions about assignments/questions that do not pertain to their particular subject area.
- Email: Henderson- cartwrightg@scsk12.org
Bernardini-
- Phone: If you need to reach us during the day by phone, you may call the school at 901- , they will connect you to our class phones as soon as they can. Please keep in mind that we have classes and meetings with very little breaks throughout the day. If we cannot speak then, the office can take a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

TECHNOLOGY INFO & CONTRACT

We will be using technology in our classroom on almost a daily basis. We both have multiple means of technology but we do encourage students to bring their own tablets if you choose to allow them to do so. With the privilege comes responsibility. Students are to use tablets/computers for academic reasons only. If students take advantage of this and chooses to use them in a manner that is not within the boundaries of what the teacher has set, the device will be confiscated. Unless it applies to the activity we are doing, no photos or videos will be allowed to be taken. This protects the privacy of all teachers and students within in classroom.

If your student continues to have an issue with the technology expectations, they will no longer be allowed to bring their own devices and will have limited/ supervised time on one of the classroom devices. Cell phones are not permitted as an in class device unless specifically asked for by the teacher. **NO** social media sites will be allowed on any computer, tablet, or electronic device. **NO** games (unless given permission by the teacher) will be played during school on the devices. These devices are strictly for research purposes only!

By signing you are agreeing to the conditions stated above.

Parent: _____

Student: _____

PARENT/ STUDENT CONTRACT

Please read through the packet and use it as a resource throughout the school year to clear up any confusion there might be. Once you have read the packet please sign the bottom portion of this form. By signing this form, you are agreeing to all the terms, conditions, and expectations set by both Mrs. Bernardini and Mrs. Henderson for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

- Sincerely,

Mrs. Bernardini and Mrs. Henderson
(The dream team)

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____