

Fifth Grade Handbook

Welcome to your 5th grade parenting year! I am looking very forward to this year! This is a year full of big changes and challenges for you and your child. Together, we will help your child learn and grow. I have been teaching at Nazareth for 30 years! I taught 3rd grade for many years. I have also taught 7th and 8th Grade history, and 8th Grade Science. Before coming to Nazareth, I taught First Grade for eight years, and was a Reading Specialist for two years. My daughters both went from Preschool through 12th Grade at Nazareth! So, now you know a little about me! I am looking forward to learning about you and your child.

Welcome

It is easiest to contact me via email. I am able to check it a couple of times during the day, as getting to a phone is more difficult. My email address is:

sgutknecht@nazarethschools.org

You can also leave a message at the office and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. (458-3786)

For other information, and homework, check out my web page at:

www.nazarethschools.org

Information

Google Classroom Codes

Attendance	mafrwtt
Fifth Grade News	cgpanrr
Religion	ndzp65l
Science	t6nrn47
Social Studies	7tcx23y
Math	hmx3z3v
ELA	mgz4r3c
Library	krim505
Art	f6p7djp
Music/Dance	oo7twsd
Technology	2vwaihw

Grading is an important part of Fifth Grade. Grades are based on class work, homework, tests, quizzes, projects, exams, and class participation. There will be many grades for each quarter, so if your child has difficulty on one assignment, there are many opportunities to improve. There will also be several extra credit assignments – but they are optional.

Report Cards are given four times per year. The first is given at Parent/Teacher Conferences (although this will be in a different format this year) the next following January Exams, in the spring, and at the end of the year.

Completed and corrected papers are kept in binders to help with organization, and to help prepare to study for exams.

Grading

Texts

Religion - **Faith First**- RCL Benziger

Science - **Science Fusion** - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Social Studies - **World Studies** - Pearson Prentice Hall

Websites

The following websites may be helpful to you.

1. www.faithfirst.com
2. <http://www.universalschool.org/parents/SCIENCE%20ONLINE%20%20STUDENT%20EDITIONS.pdf> (This site tells you how to use an online text)
3. <http://www.phschool.com/webcodes10/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.gotoWebCode&wcprefix=lfk&wcsuffix=1000> (Latin America)
4. <http://www.phschool.com/webcodes10/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.gotoWebCode&wcprefix=lhk&wcsuffix=1000> (The United States and Canada)
5. www.mrdonn.org
6. <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities.html>
7. www.brainpop.com
8. www.mrnussbaum.com

Texts and Websites

I will have your child for Homeroom, Religion, Science, and Social Studies. He or she will go to Mrs. Olmo for Math and ELA. These classes are scheduled for every day.

In Religion:

- We will learn about our beliefs, what we worship, how we live our faith, and how we can pray.
- We will celebrate religious feasts and liturgical seasons.
- We will have homework on weekends in the form of discussion starters. These are really nice times to spend as a family discussing different topics.

In Science:

- We will learn Physical Science, Earth Science, and Life Science.
- We do labs in class and write them up.
- We have worksheets that go with the lessons and are completed with the help of the textbook.
- Homework should not take more than 20 minutes if I assign any. If it does, your child should see me, and we can review how to complete it more quickly.

In Social Studies:

- We study Latin America, and North America.
- We have Guided Reading Sheets that go with each lesson and correspond to the textbook. They should be used to complete homework.
- Homework should not take more than 20 minutes if I assign it. If it does, your child should see me, and we can review how to complete it more quickly.

Mrs. Olmo will give you information for Math and English/Language Arts.

Curriculum

My expectations are much the same as yours. Since your child has been in school for a while, I know they are aware of the rules and expectations that you and I have for them. My one rule is **RESPECT**. If they respect themselves and others, things will run smoothly. Reminders are given. If many reminders are necessary, consequences include writing about the situation, lunch detention, a phone call or email home, or a visit to Sr. Margaret's office.

Homework is expected the day it is due, if I assign it. I will not be assigning it daily, but if I do, I plan my lessons on the assumption that work will be completed, and we can move on from there. If your child cannot complete an assignment, I ask that you let me know in writing (or email) and an extension may be given. There will be a weekend Religion family assignment most weekends. It is a nice time to stop and spend some time as a family discussing spirituality.

Uniforms are important for many reasons. Please have your child respect the uniform code. If there is an emergency, we understand. Just let me know in writing or email.

I ask that each child have a **HEALTHY** snack every day. We **will not** have food for birthday celebrations for many reasons. Unfortunately, this year, we are not able to bring in non-food treats either. I will let you know if this changes.

Attendance is vital to learning, and being on time is part of that. Please have your child here by **8:10**, so that they can prepare to begin promptly at 8:15.

Expectations

5th Grade Schedule 2020-2021

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:10	Science	Science	Health	Science	Science
9:10 - 9:50	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
10:00 - 10:20	Playground/Recess				
10:20 - 10:40	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
10:40 - 11:20	Social Studies	Social Studies	Library	Social Studies	PE
11:20 - 12:05	Flex	Flex	Social Studies	Flex	Social Studies
12:05 - 12:40	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
12:50 - 1:20	Lunch				
1:25 - 1:45	Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion
1:45 - 2:25	Group 1 Art Group 2 Music	Group 1 Dance Group 2 Technology	Group 1 Music Group 2 Art	PE	Group 1 Technology Group 2 Dance
2:30 - 3:00	Dismissal				

This is your child's schedule for this year. As you can see, it is a very busy one!

We will have Health first semester. Then Science will fill that time.

Physical Education is on Thursdays and Fridays, so please have them in the correct uniform each day.

We have schoolwide assemblies on the first Friday of each month. We are being creative in how we do them this year!

There is a calendar for the year on the school website at:

www.nazarethschools.org

Schedules