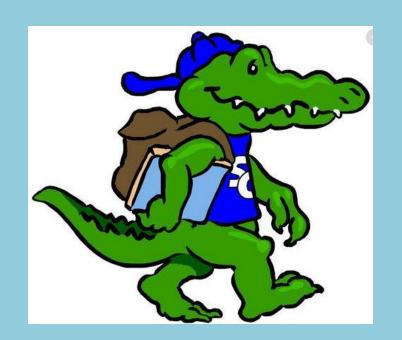
Welcome to 5th Grade!







A little about me...













Would you rather...

Take a 12 hour road trip with your kid(s) with absolutely no devices available to anyone in the car.

Take a roadtrip that should last 12 hours with your kid(s) but have to stop every hour for them to use the restroom.

Getting to know each other...

Introduce yourself to those around you.

Share who your child is in this class and tell about any other children in your family.

Share something your family loves to do together!

Parent Communication

- · Class website Schedule, helpful links: www.sycamore5th.weebly.com
- Friday Folders and their contents Newsletters will be emailed unless you have requested a paper copy.
- Email- jtomaszewski@wcpss.net
- Twitter @sycamorecreek5
- Class Dojo Behavior updates
- 1st Quarter Conferences During September and Possibly after Track out

A few nuts & bolts:

-Transportation changes - If your child is going home a different way than usual, please send in a note or email me. If you don't get an email back from me, please call the office!

- -Birthdays- Please let me know (in advance) if you plan to send in treats!
 - Birthday treats will NOT be given out at lunch. Mr. T will designate a time to pass out treats
 - -If you are sending in a birthday treat, please send a **store-bought** item in with your child in the morning that can easily be distributed to students.

A Note from the PTA

Good evening fellow Croc Parents!

I hope you are equally excited about the promise of a new school year as we are at the PTA. We on the Board welcome both new and current Sycamore Creek parents to our family, and cannot wait to see you and your little Crocs around the school in the near future! This year the Board is bypassing a formal welcome video or presentation this year at Open House. Instead we want to ask you to do just FOUR things to kick off the year with us:

- ☐ FIRST take more time to interact with your INCREDIBLE teachers tonight!
- SECOND come by the Media Center after your teacher releases you to meet the PTA Board, buy some School Spirit, join the PTA for 2019-2020, and sign up for some great volunteer events.
- THIRD join us for one of three virtual Sycamore Creek PTA Virtual Town Halls on our Facebook page on July 25th, August 15th, or August 29th at 7pm! We will give you the details on PTA functions, events, budget expenses, fundraising, and give you time to ASK US QUESTIONS!!
- And FINALLY, join us for our 1st General Meeting of the School Year on August 8th at 6:15pm where we will discuss and approve this year's budget. All parents are invited but only PTA members can vote!

You can find all this information, including our projected 2019-2020 budget, on our website, SCESPTA.COM.

Thank you for being a part of our Croc Family and I wish each of your kiddos a CHOMP-TASTIC year ahead!!

Nick DiColandrea (De-CO-LAN-DREA)

PTA President

5th Grade Events

- LEADERS Officer Thompson Spring
- Track 4 Service Project Winter
- Human Growth & Development
 - Spring
 - Parent letter and meeting before it begins
 - Can opt out
 - Boys and girls are separated
- Washington, D.C. Trip

Washington, D.C. Field Trip November 7 & 8

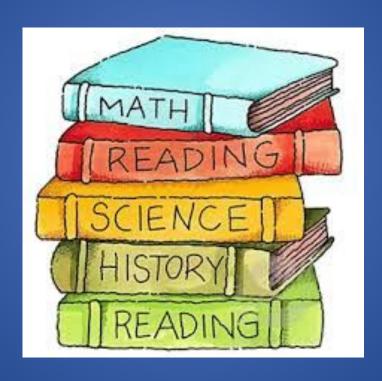
- Intent form
- Payment due (for students and chaperones): mid/late-September (Prior to track out)
- Chaperones: Roles & responsibilities
 - Chaperones MUST ride the bus with us!
 - Cannot be more than one chaperone for one student
- Volunteer registration: Chaperones must complete volunteer registration by the Middle of August (TONIGHT would be best)!
 - Dietary needs: Medical or vegetarian See Holbrook's policy

Volunteer Registration

- You can complete it tonight!! If you were registered last year, you just need to do the quick reactivation!
- If you are going to DC: You need to complete registration by the middle of August. Your payment will not be accepted until you have CLEARED.
- If you are not going to D.C., but plan to volunteer this year please register!
- All volunteer requests will be processed in the order of registration. It is best to register NOW before traditional schools start back!



Academics



Math

- Pacing document: Details math units for 5^{th} grade $_{5(2+2)}^{(1-2)+3}$

- Video support:
 - Khan Academy
 - Youtube: WCPSS Academics
 - Links on class website

ELA

EL Education: A comprehensive, 3-5
Language Arts curriculum that is
standards-based. The literacy
program that engages teachers and
students through compelling, real
world content and builds equitable and
inclusive learning opportunities for all
students.

3-5 Module
Lessons
Additional Language
and Literacy Block
ALL Block

<u>Quarter 1</u> - Stories of Human Rights

<u>Quarter 2</u> - Biodiversity in the Rainforest

<u>Quarter 3</u> - Athlete Leaders of Social Change

<u>Quarter 4</u> - The Impact of Natural Disasters

EL Answer Analysis - What Human Rights were threatened and how?

Mama nodded and bit the corner of her lip in worry. They both knew that even though it was 1930 and the revolution in Mexico had been over for ten years, there was still resentment against the large landowners.

"Change has not come fast enough, Esperanza. The wealthy still own most of the land while some of the poor have not even a garden plot. There are cattle grazing on the big ranches yet some peasants are forced to eat cats or nothing at all."

Student 1:

Right # 25, the right to food and shelter, is being threatened.

Student 2: Right # 25, the right to food and shelter, is being threatened, because they don't have food. Student 3:
Right # 25 is being threatened, because the text says "some peasants are forced to eat cats or nothing at all."

Student 4:

Right # 25, the right to food and shelter, says that all people should have a good life that includes access to food and shelter. I know this right is being threatened, because the text states that some of the poor peasants "are forced to eat cats or nothing at all". This proves that they do not have access to the typical food that most people eat and may not get all the nutrients they need.

Science

- Q1: Motion & Design (Tomaszewski)
- Q2: Human Body (Edmister)
- Q3: Ecosystems (Tomaszewski)
- Q4: Weather (Edmister)



- *This is a tested subject in 5th grade.
- *Vocabulary: guizlet.com/sycamorecreek
- *This link and other science links can be found on our class website.
- *Unpacked science standards document linked **HERE**,

Social Studies

- Q1: Civics and Government
- Q2: Geography and Environmental Literacy
- Q3: Economics
- Q4: Civil War + Reconstruction





WE ARE EXCITED TO ENTER OUR SECOND YEAR OF IMPLEMENTING POSITIVITY PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING OF OUR STUDENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN VISIT THE POSITIVITY PROJECT WEBSITE: POSPROJECT.ORG

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DISCOVERING YOUR TOP 3 CHARACTER STRENGTHS, VISIT THE VIA INSTITUTE ON CHARACTER. VIA INSTITUTE ON CHARACTER.

- FREE SURVEY
- TAKES 10-15 MINUTES



Love ALL. Serve ALL. Challenge ALL.

Intervention/Enrichment time in schedule will be used to meet the individualized needs of students. (Will begin second quarter).

Extension/challenge activities are provided for students.

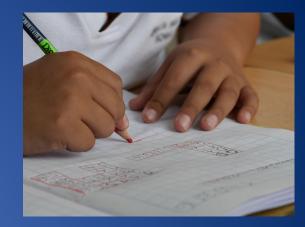
Online resources allow students to work on targeted skills.

Level 4 opportunities are provided regularly. Keep in mind these can be separate assignments, and it can be open-ended assignments that allow students to show an in-depth understanding of material.

Homework

NIGHTLY/WEEKLY

- Math Practice
- 20 Minutes of Reading (honor system)
- Science- occasionally + studying for quizzes/tests



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- All 5th graders must complete a Science project (due just prior to Expo)
- Online accounts can be used for practice.

Standards Based Grading + Testing Updates

4 - Exemplary

• Student consistently demonstrates an in-depth understanding of the standards, concepts and skills taught during this reporting period.

3 - Proficient

• Student consistently demonstrates an understanding of the standards, concepts and skills taught during this reporting period.

2 – Approaching Proficiency

• Student is approaching an understanding of the standards, concepts and skills taught during this reporting period.

1 – Non-Proficiency

• Student does not yet demonstrate an understanding of standards, concepts and skills taught during this reporting period.

- Online NC Check-Ins for Math - Quarterly
- **OGS:**
 - Reading
 - Math
 - Science

Technology

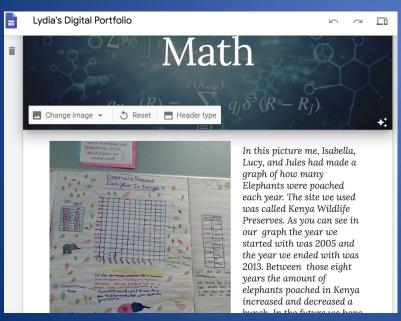
- BYOD
 - Helpful apps if your child brings in a tablet:Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets, & Dreambox
- Google Classroom
- DreamBox (math)
- Read Theory (reading)
- Epic (reading)
- Quizlet (science vocab)



*Click on computer for link.

Digital Portfolios

- -WCPSS initiative (K 12)
- -New way for students to document their learning throughout the year and in the years to come.





A Word from Music



Questions???



Before you go:

Complete VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION!

Write a note to your child!

Network with other families!

