

5th Grade Ms. McGee's Class

Welcome to 5th Grade! I am excited to have you in my class.

Goals

- To be responsible and respectful
- To be problem solvers
- To work collaboratively
- Become independent thinkers
- To have fun!

Class Rules

Follow directions the FIRST time
Listen when someone is speaking
Raise your hand to speak and leave your seat
Be Respectful to Everyone
Always do your best!

About Me

I went to school at the University of Redlands and got my teaching credential and my Bachelor's degree in Psychology and my Master's Degree and P.P.S. credential at California State University, San Bernardino. I love to travel (I have been to 13 countries) and I love to read (I read Harry Potter this past summer). I LOVE coffee and elephants. I am looking forward to teaching fifth grade at Bryn Mawr Elementary School for my 2nd year!

Behavior

Individual behavior will be recorded on Class Dojo. You can **EARN** points by following directions quickly, working hard, helping others, participating, and persevering through challenges. You can **LOSE** points by not following directions, being off task, being disrespectful, etc...

Behavior will also be recorded on our *Behavior Clip Chart*. Students who are setting examples with their behavior will "clip up" and students who need redirection will "clip down." When students "clip down" they will need to record their behavior in our Behavior Notebook. Behavior Notebook sheets will be sent home at the end of the month to be reviewed with parents and signed and returned.

Rewards

You can earn rewards in three ways: individual on Class Dojo, team table points, and whole class points. These points will be given throughout the day, at various times. Points are awarded not for just following the rules/directions, but for exceeding expectations.

Homework

- Daily Math page
- Reading Log due on Fridays - 30 minutes of reading each night with writing skill
- Word Work (Vocabulary and Spelling)
- Social Studies and Science homework, varies
- Book Reports (once a month)
- Agenda and Bryn Mawr folder returned daily. Agendas signed on Fridays
- **Any class work not completed during the day is homework**

Morning Procedure

1. Put papers on top of desk in folder. Take out homework due that day.
2. Make sure you have 2 pencils sharpened for the day.
3. Follow Morning Directions and begin Lexia/Daily Review

Absences

Students are responsible for making up absent work. You have as many days to complete missed work as you were absent. When a student is absent, they will have an Absent Folder on their desk with all papers, assignments, and homework they missed. Turn in the folder with all papers inside when finished.

Bathroom Policies

Students will be given a Bathroom Ticket at the beginning of each month with bathroom and water breaks. Students will get marked off when they use class time to use the bathroom or get a drink of water. Any breaks not used at the end of the month will receive a raffle ticket. Students are encouraged to use recess time for the bathroom and to bring water bottles.

Weekly Assignments

Most days, adequate time is given to complete daily assignments during the school hours. A two pocket folder is provided to keep in class for assignments. Students are in charge of updating their Weekly Assignments sheet (written on the board). Any Unfinished Work is encouraged to be taken home as homework. All Weekly Assignments have until Friday of that week to be completed. If work is still not completed by Friday, students are encouraged to take home any Unfinished Work over the weekend and turn in on Monday. Any work not completed/turned in by Monday morning will receive no more than half the credit they earn.

Fun Friday/Study Hall

At the end of (most) Fridays we will have Fun Friday and/or Study Hall. Students who have finished all Weekly Assignments, passed at least one AR Quiz, and met their Lexia minutes goal will be allowed to participate in Fun Friday (free choice). Study Hall will be designated to allow students to complete Unfinished Work. Study Hall is NOT a punishment. It is simply to give students extra time to get work turned in so they do not have to do work over the weekend. Students are encouraged to manage their time wisely throughout the week if they want to participate in Fun Friday.

Communication

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (909)-478-5650, by email at kelsie_mcgee@redlands.k12.ca.us, or on Class Dojo (this is the BEST way)

I am so excited for this year of learning and fun! I hope we all can work together to create a fun, safe, and comfortable learning environment. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you! 😊

-Ms. McGee

