

Welcome to Fifth Grade!





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Reward System

- We use Scholar Dollars in fifth grade. The students earn them through good behavior, classroom jobs, exemplary effort, etc.
- We use the school-wide PBIS system as well.



Reward System Cont.

- The students get to spend their scholar dollars at a class auction. These usually occur once a quarter.
- Students may bring in items to sell at the auction.
- Please make sure that your child understands that all sales at the auction are final.

Use of Student Agendas

Please check your child's agenda for:

- Homework assignments
- Notes from the teacher
- Notes about up-coming events or assignments

Use of Home Folders

Please check your child's home folder daily for:

- Homework papers
- School information
- Graded papers
- *Please clean out on a regular basis.



Please sign up for Find Out First for:

- Important FCPS as well as CMES information, such as school closings, up-coming events, etc.



Language Arts

This year we will read a variety of text and genre with a focus on building deeper comprehension.

We will write narrative, informational, and opinion pieces with emphasis on citing evidence and support.

We will work to develop speaking and listening skills through collaborative discussion.



Math

Math

This year we will work through the curricular expectations in math, including fractions, decimals, number operations, etc., with an emphasis on problem solving.



Science

- Electricity / Magnets and Electromagnetism
- Microscopes / Communities
- Geology



Social Studies

- Exploration
- Colonization
- Revolutionary War
- Early American Government



Other Fifth Grade Curriculum

- Family Life

Video on Puberty

Scheduled for November

- Drug Abuse /Disease & HIV AIDS Prevention

Emphasis on communicable and non-communicable diseases



Homework- Math

- Math homework as assigned (please check the agenda/school website)
- If your child has not mastered their math facts yet, they will be asked to practice their facts for 10 minutes every evening.



Homework – Language Arts

- Bi-weekly Word Study
- Reading and Writing Homework will vary.
- Please have your child read for 15-20 minutes every day.



Expectations

- The students are expected to have their homework every day.
- Our policy is to keep any child in for recess if they do not have their homework. That way, they can finish their work and get help from a teacher if they need it.



Expectations Cont.

- FCPS policy suggests that students in the fourth and fifth grade should have a maximum of 45 minutes of homework per evening.
- If your child's homework is taking them longer than this, please send in a note alerting us to the problem.
- Without the note, your child will owe their recess.



Assessments:

- If your child receives a score of 69% or lower on a test or quiz, that paper will be sent home for you to sign.
- If the test / quiz is not returned the following school day, your child will owe their recess.
- If it is not returned the following day, the teacher will contact parents.

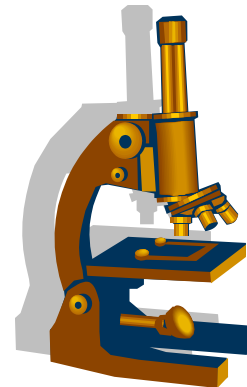
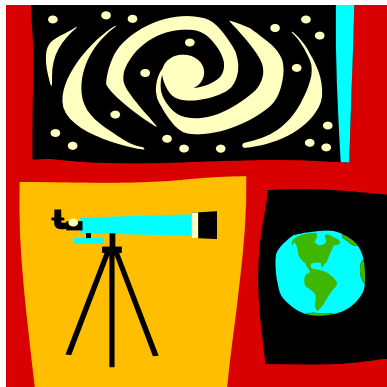


Fifth-grade Field Trips

- Earth, Space and Science Lab
- Outdoor School
- Another field trip is planned for the spring. More details will be provided at a later date.

Earth, Space Science Lab

- All Elementary FCPS students visit the ESSL once a year. In fifth-grade, we go there to perform experiments and review before the Science MSA in April.
- A few volunteers are needed. We are scheduled to go in February.



Outdoor School

- This field trip spans two days.
- We travel throughout the county collecting rock and mineral samples.
- We usually go in the winter, so dress them warmly!



Outdoor School Cont.

- The students are taught by Outdoor School instructors.
- No chaperones are needed.
- These are not extended day trips.



Outdoor School Cont.

Collecting Rock Samples



At High Rock



Outdoor School Cont.

- At the top of Sugarloaf Mountain



Outdoor School Cont.

- At the Monocacy River





Move Up Day for Students

- The students visit their future middle school.
- They tour the school and meet some of the sixth-grade teachers, counselors and administrators.



Thank You!

- Any Questions?