

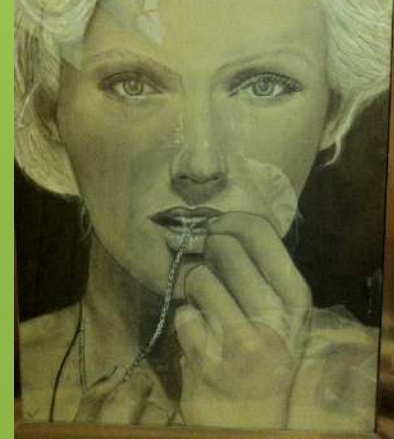
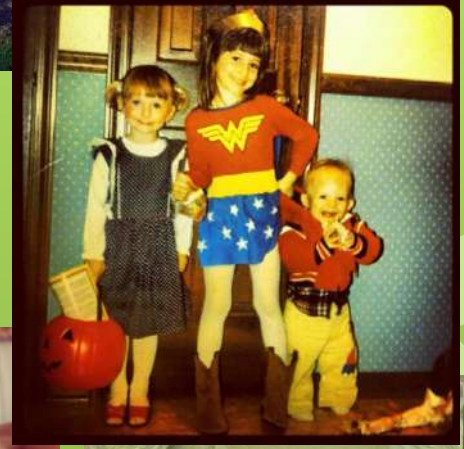
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Welcome to Mrs. Williams' 5th Grade Class!

Please sign in & sign up for our
classroom newsletter on one of
the laptops in the back of the
room.

A Little about me...

- I am originally from Northern Illinois & lived in TN for about 4 years. The rest of my family is still in Northern IL.
- My parents have a small hobby farm complete with sheep, chickens, goats, honeybees, alpacas, parrots, cats, & lots of dogs.
- I come from a family full of teachers, farmers, firefighters, & construction workers. I am the oldest, & have a younger sister & brother.
- My husband is from Australia & is a Saddle Bronc Rider in rodeos.
- I am very creative & outdoorsy. I even hunt. I like doing photography, scrapbooking, drawing, making jewelry, & I even know how to play guitar & knit, but rarely have time to do all of these things!
- I am also very adventurous. I have been to over half of the United States, have been skydiving, & climbed a mountain with my Dad for his 50th birthday.
- I have a bloodhound named, Huckleberry Finn, who I rescued as a stray & he was the ringer bearer at our wedding.



Professional Background

- I have about 14 years of experience in education.
- Paraprofessional for 4 years in Northern IL for 6th-8th Grade Students
- Tutor at Southern Illinois University for 1 year while in college
- Environmental Education Instructor at Touch of Nature in Southern Illinois for 2 summers (seasonal)
- 6th Grade Reading, Spelling, Math & Science Teacher in Dongola, IL for 1 year
- Math Tutor for WCS at Hillsboro School for 1 year (in TN)
- 5th Grade Math & Science Teacher in Rutherford County Schools for 1 year (in TN)
- 6th/7th Grade Math Teacher, BYOT Leader, & Team Leader in Williamson County Schools for 2 years.
- Now, I am happy to be your child's 5th grade teacher. This is my 2nd year at Pioneer Trail & I love it here!

About 5th Grade

- Snack time will be each morning after Specials.
- Snacks should be healthy finger foods (pretzels, yogurt, fruit, vegetables, etc.)
- Please do not bring cookies, candy, or potato chips, glass containers, food requires a spoon.
- Water bottles are not permitted. Doctors note required.
- Birthday treats may be sent in for your child's birthday if you wish.
- Please make sure items are store bought and individually wrapped.
- We have 21 students in our class. (subject to change!)

Classroom Expectations

- School is a place to learn. As such, your child needs to approach school with a positive attitude each day ready to put forth their best effort.
- School is a place where your child should feel safe. Any student that isn't safe will need to go to a SAFE SEAT where they can get themselves ready for learning. If they can't, they will be escorted to a buddy room or the principal's office.

Communication and Reinforcement

- Our classroom is like a community where students work for the betterment of the group.
 1. School rules and expectations are clearly emphasized and discussed.
 2. Classroom goals are set by all students.
 3. Reinforcement is in place to encourage a positive learning environment.
 4. Open lines of communication between staff, parents, and teachers is imperative.
 1. Weekly newsletters will be **EMAILED** home at the end of every week. Please check your email on a regular basis & make sure it doesn't accidentally end up in your "junk" folder. Please provide us with your email so, we may get these & other important announcements to you.

Grading

- Classwork will be 20% of their overall grade.
- Summative assessments will include quizzes, tests, & projects. Summative assessments will be 80% of their overall grade.
- We will keep track of homework completion & it will be recorded in the gradebook.
- Corrections can be completed on quizzes & tests(except for spelling tests) when students receive lower than 70%. Students who have achieved mastery(70% or higher), will not be completing corrections. Students who make corrections can only make corrections once, they must be turned in by the indicated due date, & they will receive a score no higher than 70% for their final score. The lowest quiz/test score will be dropped from each subject once there is more than 1 quiz/test score in the gradebook.

Homework Policies

- I believe that students are at school to learn. If students complete their work at school they will have little homework. At the beginning of each week your child will bring home their spelling words for the week. The spelling test will be held at the end of each week.
- Students will also have 10 spiral review math problems to complete each evening. Always check with your student daily for homework (this will mainly be studying spelling words, reading, and reviewing math concepts.)
- Each evening your child will be bringing home a student planner that outlines their homework. This will need to be checked by parents nightly.
- If your child misses school, he/she will need to ask for the work they missed and then complete it and return it. For example: for each day your child misses, they have that many days to make up the missed work.

100% Club

- Students who complete all of their homework on time for two consecutive weeks
- AND do not receive a minor or major for two consecutive weeks, will receive a reward for their hard work & dedication! 😊

Illnesses and Medication

- If your child is sick, please call the office at 632-3400 before 9:00 a.m.
- If you would like for me to send homework with a sibling or you will pick up the work, please call in advance so I can have time to prepare the work.
- If you send any medication to school with your child, including cough drops, please make sure you send a note with instructions so this information can be passed on to the nurse along with all medications.

Attendance

- For your student to have the best experience possible, it is important that they attend school on a regular basis.
- Students should be on time to school each day and prepared for class. It is best if they remain at school for the entire school day unless there is an emergency.

Dismissal

- If you have a change in how your child is getting home, please contact the office at 632-3400 before 2:00 p.m
- Car riders will need to display their car rider card each day. Make sure you have it readily visible.

Spirit Fridays

- On these days, students are encouraged to wear Pioneer Trail colors (Carolina blue, black, gray, or white)

Contacting Me

- Please feel free to email me at:
laura.williams@jcshools.us
- My planning time is from 9:05- 9:55 am. If you would like to get a hold of me, email is the best!
 - FYI-Once I get home, I typically don't check my emails due to school work/obligations, but I will get back to you as soon as I can! 😊
- Classroom Website & Newsletters:
<http://www.jcschools.us/lwilliams>

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- We need your help! There is a volunteer sign up sheet on the back counter, if you are available to give us a hand. After signing up, you will receive more information!
- Opt-out forms are on the back counter if you do not want your child to participate.

G Suite Permission Form

- The G Suite Permission form is for you to give permission to your child to have a Google Account to use as a resource at school.
- They will use this in middle school & utilize Google Classroom, Docs, Sheets, Slides, etc.
- It will serve as an online portfolio of their work & will be able to utilize it from any computer/electronic device that has internet access.
- This form **HAS TO BE** returned in order for your child to create an account.

Would you like to help?

- I also have a Wishing Tree on my whiteboard. Feel free to take a sticky note & donate something to our classroom, if you would like.
- THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OPEN HOUSE!!!