

Fifth Grade Expectations 2010-2011

Be Prepared for Class

A list of materials students need for each class will be posted daily outside each classroom. Homework, books, pencils, etc. *must* come to class since extra locker breaks will be rare.

No student supplies/materials will be stored in desks. Students must take their agendas, blue folders (to be distributed by teachers), and daily materials to each class.

Parent/Teacher Communication

The main form of communication will be through the student's blue folder. Work will be sent home weekly for parents' inspection and information. The folder has a pocket for papers that must be returned to school and a pocket for papers that may be kept at home. If the student has a paper in the *return to school* pocket, it will need to be signed and returned to school within three days. A signature sheet will be kept inside the blue folder which should be initialed weekly by both the parent and the student. It will verify that the parents had an opportunity to review all of their child's work.

Every student is expected to purchase an agenda for \$5.00 from their homeroom teacher. The agendas will be used daily for noting homework assignments, and they also contain the Chattahoochee Elementary student handbook. Parents are asked to check and initial the agendas daily.

The Fifth Grade Newsletter will be sent home bi-weekly beginning with the second week of school. Parents will be given the opportunity to receive this newsletter by e-mail.

Teachers are not available to answer the phone during instructional time. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. If your message is urgent, please call the front office. Someone will give the teacher the message.

Two Day Turn Around

Anything that needs to be signed and returned to school must be returned within three days. This includes items such as signed tests, signed forms, and strike sheets. For example, the blue folders sent home weekly on Fridays would be due on Mondays.

Restroom and Locker Breaks

There will be several restroom/water breaks each day: before school, before/after lunch, and following recess. Additional restroom breaks will be at the classroom teacher's discretion.

Students will have locker breaks before each block of instructional time. They will also have time to go to their lockers before dismissal. *Appropriate transition time will be given for the first two weeks of school as the students become acquainted with our procedures.*

Morning Work

Morning work will be assigned daily. Students will have time between 7:10-7:50 each day to complete the assignment. Morning work helps students to maintain and review skills they will need for the CRCT which is administered in the spring. Because it serves as a valuable tool for review, the students are given an opportunity to check their own work and ask questions during whole group instructional time.

Homework and Tests

Homework will be given by the individual teacher. Homework is due the following school day unless otherwise noted by the teacher.

Tests will be administered as needed, and the students will be given appropriate notice of the test dates.

In addition to checking the agenda for homework assignments and test dates, *each teacher will have a homework hotline*. Call Chattahoochee Elementary and then use each teacher's extension to get daily assignments.

Character Cash

As an incentive to reward excellent behavior choices such as being attentive, responsible, and engaged in class, students will be given an opportunity to earn "Character Cash". This will allow them to participate in fun auctions and special activities. *Parents are encouraged to donate toys, games, and candy for student purchase on auction day*

Fun Friday and Strikes

Fun Friday is a weekly reward for all fifth graders. It is a time of extended recess with peers from the whole grade level. Students may earn this reward by receiving less than 3 strikes in 5 days. As in baseball, "three strikes and you are out" applies to Fun Friday. Students receive strikes for choices such as disruptive behavior, missed/incomplete assignments, and for coming to class unprepared. If a student must miss Fun Friday, he/she will stay inside with a teacher during the extended portion of recess and will join the group for the final 15 minutes. Strikes *do not* accumulate from week to week; therefore students begin each new week with zero strikes.

If a student receives 4 strikes, he/she must make a phone call home and explain to his/her parents about the poor behavior choices being made. If a student continues to make poor choices and receives a 5th strike, he/she will have one day of silent lunch and *the teacher* will make a phone call home to the parents. If a student receives 6 strikes in 5 days, the student will be referred to the office for a talk with an administrator.

Snacks

Students are allowed to have water bottles in class and will be given the opportunity to eat a healthy snack. *Please do not bring red drinks to school as they tend to create stains on the desk and floors.*

Do Not Bring the Following Items

Items such as trading cards, toys, and electronic devices should not be brought to school. We do our best to protect our students' instructional time, and these materials are distracting. Anything that is distracting will be confiscated and returned to the student at the teacher's discretion.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 770-781-2240. Thank you!

Mrs. Aiken EXT # 150224

Mrs. Claxton EXT # 150232

Mrs. Forde EXT # 150225

Mrs. Mahfouz EXT # 150234

Mrs. McCrary EXT # 150235

Mrs. Vazquez EXT # 150233

Please sign and return this portion by _____.

My child, _____ and I have read and understand the Fifth Grade Expectations.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Email address _____