

August 28, 2017

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

Welcome to a fifth grade adventure! I am looking forward to the new school year. We will work hard, share a lot of laughs and maybe a few tears, and together we'll grow. Remember, come to school with the goal of learning; you are laying the foundation for your life. Take every opportunity to make that foundation strong!

This year, we will continue using Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA), which will be the fifth grade version of your curriculum last year. New this year are the Bridges and Number Corner curricula for mathematics. These programs are both rigorous and exciting, and I look forward to learning as much as possible together.

Reading is absolutely essential to your success as a student and as an adult. I hope to help you fall in love with reading, if you have not already! For this reason, your homework (due Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays) is to read for 20 minutes each night. In your planner, please write:

\_\_the date

\_\_title of the book

\_\_number of pages read

\_\_one interesting sentence about your reading

I am here to help you pick out interesting books at your reading level, and our school library is full of books for you to check out to bring home.

Your other homework will simply be work that you did not finish in class. Please use your binder and planner to be responsible with completing and keeping track of your homework! These skills are very important to practice before you enter middle school.

I am honored to be part of your academic career, and I look forward to growing and learning together this school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Foster

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Dear Parents and Guardians of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your child this year! I am Randi Foster, the new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at GES. I moved here from Durango, CO where I taught a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade combined class the last four years. I am delighted to be your child's teacher, and I look forward to a great year!

I want the best for your child, not only in terms of academic success, but also whole child development, personal growth, and happiness. Please feel free to email me at [rfoster@gunnisonschools.net](mailto:rfoster@gunnisonschools.net) with questions, concerns, and communication in general. We are a team and I look forward to working together to help your child succeed.

Please also email me if you are interested in helping out this year with making materials and copies, going on any field trips, or doing a special presentation for the students in your field of expertise. Parent volunteers are much appreciated!

Students will be expected to bring their homework binder and planner back and forth to school every day to transport parent information and their homework. It will also help them prepare for keeping track of homework for middle school.

For homework details, please see the included copy of my student letter. Your child also completed an example reading log entry in their planner at school today to use for reference. The first homework due date will be this Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The goal for homework is for students to develop (or continue) a habit of reading every night. My hope is that they will fall in love with books and become lifelong readers.

I look forward to getting to know you and working together to support your child in reaching their full potential this year. Please don't hesitate to contact me. Here's to a great year!

Sincerely,

Randi Foster