

Fifth Grade 2020-2021

Parent Night Presentation

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First things first, little bit about me...

5th year teaching 5th grade at OLW

Bachelor of Arts degree: Elementary Education

- **Minor: English as a Second Language**

Master of Arts: Training and Development

Why I love to teach? It is through my students' that I find my own.

5th Grade Academic and Spiritual Goals

The goal of the fifth grade program at OLW is to promote development of each student's leadership and interpersonal skills, provide academic challenges in all curriculum areas, as well as foster spirituality and a sense of community to ensure all students have a successful transition from elementary to middle school.

Highlights This School Year

- All 5th graders have 1:1 iPads
 - They will be left at school
- 5th graders will have Google accounts, therefore, Google Classroom will be the means of assignment communication
- All and any emails between students and me, parents must be copied on
- All communication of assignments will be found via Google accounts if E-Learning due to class quarantine or due to snow days were to occur



5th Grade Responsibilities - Revised

- Raising and lowering of flag
- Recycling collection for elementary building



Instructional Minutes Breakdown

Number Corner: 30 minutes

Religion: 30 minutes

Math: 1 hour

Science : 30 minutes

Social Studies: 30 minutes

Literacy Block: 1 hour (whole group instruction, guided reading, read aloud, daily 5 etc.)

Writer's Workshop: 30-45 minutes

Specials: 40 minutes




Religion

OLW uses the Sadlier *We Believe* series to teach religion to students.

The fifth grade religion curriculum covers the seven sacraments in depth. In addition, students will study the saints, pilgrimages, the rosary, as well as our 10-week unit on Family Life beginning in April.

Students will complete a “Saint” project in the month of October that will be completed by November 1st. They will have to research, write a report, give an oral presentation and dress like their Saint at the mass on November 1st. Prep for this project will be completed at home. More details to come as the date approaches.




Mathematics

OLW uses Bridges in Mathematics to develop students knowledge and mathematics skills.

Number Corner is a 30-minute daily lesson that compliments our 60-minutes of our mathematical instructional time also developed by Bridges in Mathematics. Through Bridges' *Number Corner* series students preview/review mathematical concepts previously taught or will be taught in the following math units to come throughout 5th grade.

Six Bridges in Mathematics units will be covered throughout the year including the following topics: Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions; as well as mixed fractions, calculating the volume of rectangular prisms, adding/subtracting and writing decimals, multiplying/dividing 2-digit and greater numbers, converting between units of measurement, graphing ordered pairs and classifying shapes.



Mathematics Continued

Math website/apps used in 5th grade:

Xtra Math

Khan Academy

IXL

Your child has received their usernames and passwords for these supplemental math resources. These are used daily in our math class to compliment our math curriculum.



Language Arts

English Language Arts is for 60-minutes each day. During this time students will typically:

- **Learn and practice the unit's target reading strategy**
- **Perform Independent Daily Reading (IDR)**
- **Meet in guided reading groups**
- **Practice word work ("Words Their Way")**
- **Practice grammar work**



Language Arts Continued

The following topics will be taught and practiced by your child throughout 5th grade using the new curriculum OLW adopted titled, 'Making Meaning'

UNIT 1 – The Reading Community: Fiction

UNIT 2 – Using Text Features: Expository Nonfiction

UNIT 3 – Questioning: Expository Nonfiction

UNIT 4 – Analyzing Text Features: Fiction

UNIT 5 – Making Inferences: Fiction & Poetry

UNIT 6- Making Inferences: Fiction & Nonfiction

UNIT 7- Analyzing Text Structures: Nonfiction

UNIT 8- Determining Important Ideas & Summarizing

UNIT 9- Synthesizing Fiction & Nonfiction



Language Arts Continued

Online resources used in addition to ELA curriculum:

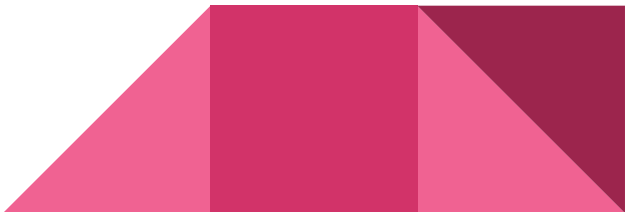
- **IXL**
- **Newsela**
- **Spelling City**
- **NoRedInk**



Writing

Each student will write for 30/40 minutes a day following a writer's workshop model.

This academic school year, 5th graders will experience writing the following genres:

- **Personal narratives**
 - **Fictional**
 - **Expository nonfiction**
 - **Functional**
 - **Opinion**
 - **Poetry.**
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Science

Your child has Science(Fusion) for 30-minutes each day

Unit 1 - Scientific Method

Unit 2 - Engineering Process

Unit 3 - Ecosystems

Unit 4 - Energy in Ecosystems

Unit 5 - Science Fair

Science projects: Discover a Scientist, Types of Engineering and Science Fair



Social Studies

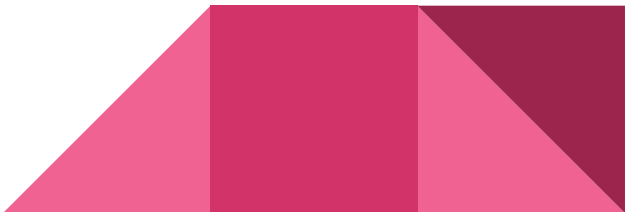
Your child has Social Studies for 30-minutes a day with Miss Skweres.

The following three units will be covered:

- **The Early Explorers**
 - **Colonization**
 - **The American Revolution**
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Daily Planners and Take Home Folders

Each student is required to have an OLV daily planner. Daily assignments should be copied from the assignment board in the classroom. At the end of the day students will have a clear idea of what books, materials, papers, etc. are needed to be taken home for homework. This will help to ensure students' maximum success. Students will also be bringing home their "Take Home" folder daily. This will contain graded assignments and other information for their guardians. Please review the work and information your child brings home.



Birthdays and Parties

Birthdays are celebrated in 5th grade. Students are also allowed to wear “free dress”. Food treats are not allowed to be brought into the classroom.

There will be a Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine Party*. The dates for these parties will be announced in advance. The room parents will notify you if you are to provide anything for the party and of any allergy information.

***New protocols will be followed due to Archdiocesan guidelines.**



Grading

The grading scale is as follows...

99%-100% A+

95%-98% A

93%-94% A-

91%-92% B+

87%-90% B

85%-86% B-

83%-84% C+

79%-82% C

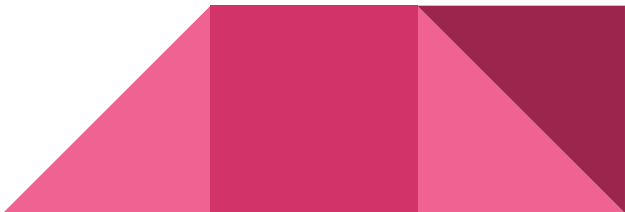
77%- 78% C-

75%-76% D+

71%-74% D

69%-70% D-

Below 68% F



Homework Policy

Students are aware of due dates for each assignment. If their assignment is late, one point will be deducted each day after the original due date until it is turned in.

Homework Passes= one extra day to complete assignment after original due date without point deduction.



What homework to expect in 5th grade...


- Math homework daily or every other day
- Reading 20 minutes daily
- Words their Way homework daily
- Science/S.S. homework when applicable to content
- Writing homework when writing units are coming to an end

5th grade projects;

Discover a Scientist, Saint Project, (3) Book projects, Science Fair



Classroom Management

- **Positive reinforcement**
 - **Parental Support is needed and appreciated. Our 5th Grade Team communicates with parents to keep them well informed and actively involved in maintaining responsible student behavior. At the beginning of the year all families signed a form indicating that as guardians your child would abide by the rules and regulations as stated in the Wayside Family Handbook.**
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Room 119's Approach to Homework

LEARN by DOING



Information about 5th grade can be found on the website at:

Power School- To track students' grades visit:

<https://archchiago.powerschool.com/public>

