

Dear Families,

Hello!! We would like to welcome you and your child to Fourth and Fifth Grade! We hope you are as excited we are to be starting another wonderful school year! We are looking forward to working together to have one of the greatest school years yet!

As educators, we intend to provide the most emotionally and academically inspiring classroom experiences possible for our students. We strive to reach each student and their unique learning styles, strengths, and personalities. We will provide a well balanced education and hold our students to high standards, not only academically, but spiritually as well. We believe that learning is an endless journey with teachers, students and their families working together to ensure life-long learners.

Attached is information regarding classroom and school procedures. Please be sure to read this, as well as the school handbook thoroughly. Also, please complete any student information sheets and return them to school as soon as you can. We are looking forward to working with you in helping your child achieve their absolute best. Please contact us if you ever have any questions or concerns. We can be reached through email or by phone (972\*235\*3263). Communication is a key to a successful year. We find it imperative for teachers and parents to always be on the same page. Please do not hesitate to email or call us at any time. Our doors are always open! Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Your Fourth and Fifth Grade Team*

### **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Expectations and Procedures**

**Each student will spend 90 minutes a day with all three teachers:**

Abby Orr: 4A – Reading and Religion; [a.orr@spsdfw.org](mailto:a.orr@spsdfw.org)

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**\*\*If the assignment is not returned and completed after the 2<sup>nd</sup> night, the student may complete and turn in the assignment with a maximum grade of 50% until the end of the quarter.**

**\*\*Instruction will not be repeated and work cannot be made up due to an unexcused tardy.**

**\*\*Depending on the student and his or her study habits, homework could be 45-60 minutes per night. Some projects may require additional time on the weekend.**

We understand that sicknesses and family emergencies do occur. *Please see the handbook for the number of days your child will have based on their number of absent school days.* It is important to keep up with this missing work so your child won't get behind. We appreciate your joint help in holding your student accountable for timeliness and attentiveness to their work. We are always available to discuss updates on your child's progress. Feel free to email us if you would like to see where your child is at any point during any grading cycle. Additionally Renweb is accessible to parents from home.

### **Grading Policy**

If your child earns below a 70% on a test, quiz, or major project, they may re-do the assignment at home or during free-time at school. However, no grade higher than a 70% will be issued. The assignment must be brought back corrected and *signed by a parent* within two days.

### **The Pines Class Trip (5<sup>th</sup> Grade only)**

The trip is currently scheduled for November 14-17. Much more information will follow as we get closer.

### **Classroom Websites**

We recommend visiting classroom websites daily. Homework, extra credit, assessment dates, study guides, projects, and other important information will be posted here. The websites can be accessed through Renweb.

### **Cursive Handwriting**

Except for math work, all assignments that are going to be turned in to a teacher must be completed in cursive handwriting.

### **Classroom Supplies**

Per the student supply fees, students will get all they need to be successful in the classroom. All required supplies will be replaced as needed. If the supply is a non-consumable item, the student will receive a conduct mark for needing a replacement. In addition, conduct marks will be issued for attending class unprepared.