

Independence Christian School

Guide to Fifth Grade

2018-2019

Miss Clutter

Welcome to Fifth Grade

I have an exciting and challenging year of learning planned for fifth graders, and with your prayers and support I am sure each child will have a successful year.

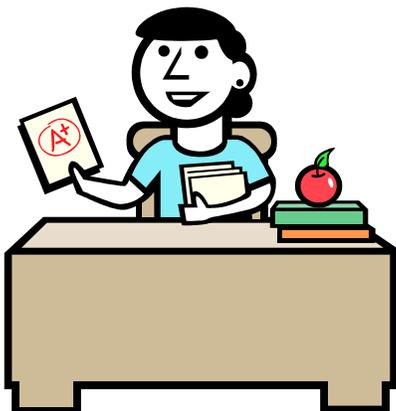
Please keep this booklet for reference throughout the year. It contains information about the curriculum, school supplies, homework, field trips, and rules.

I believe that everyone is created in the image of God and is given special talents, abilities, and gifts. With loving discipline, I shall strive to bring out the students strength and to train them according to their needs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to getting to know you.

In His Service

Ms. Clutter



Course

Below is a brief description of what each subject covers, the frequency of homework, and the basis for grading. Changes may occur because of holiday, special events or trips.

Bible

We will survey the wisdom and prophecy sections of the Bible. The life of Christ in the Bible Replay and how to live out our faith. Homework – study for weekly verse test and read the Bible. Grade – Bible verse tests, quizzes, and class participation.

Reading

We shall read many types of literature compiled in our textbook (Pages in My Head). Classroom activities and an accompanying workbook will help improve their reading skills, comprehension, critical thinking, study skills, and appreciation of literature. Homework – monthly book reports (October – February), so students should read their books daily. Books should contain approximately 150 pages (unless specified by teacher). Grade – book reports, oral reading, reading comprehension, and workbook assignments.

Spelling

List will be composed of 20-25 words, which may emphasize phonics rules, high frequency words, sentence dictation and/ or words from the Bible and textbooks.

Students will also need to study the definitions of vocabulary words when they are assigned. Tests will be given on Friday.

Homework – worksheets and completing assignments in book; study for tests.

Grade – tests and homework.

Language

We will be focusing on writing and its components (i.e. structure, forms, punctuation, grammar, parts of speech).

Students will be tested as we complete each unit.

Homework – 1-2 times per week – occasional essay

Grade – tests, classwork and writing

History

We will study world history. We will be studying events ranging from the roaring twenties to recovery from the Cold War.

Grade – tests, quizzes, homework, and projects.

Math

We will be mastering the fundamental operations, and applying them to decimals, fractions, and equations. We will also learn more about English and metric measures, graphs, and geometry. There will be a test or quiz once a week.

Homework – Complete lessons not completed in class; study math facts.

Grade – tests, quizzes, and daily lessons.

Science

We shall begin our investigation of God's world by studying plants and insects. Other areas to be studied this year are mammals, other vertebrates, geology, the ocean, energy and engines, astronomy, and weather. God's wisdom and planning will be highlighted throughout the course. Tests will be given as we complete each chapter.

Homework – completing comprehension checks if they are not complete in class, studying for quizzes and test; Science Fair

Grade – tests, quizzes, homework, and project.

Penmanship

Grades will be determined by neatness, legibility, improvement, and effort on writing done in all subjects, as well as on penmanship assignments and tests.

Homework

Homework will be assigned every night except for Friday. In addition, any class work assignment not completed in class must be finished at home. Students must take their homework sheets home. Homework must be turned in every Friday, and notebooks are checked. Any student not having homework will lose points and may stay in during recess to do it.

Graded

Any papers with a grade lower than 70% will need to be signed and returned the following school day. Some papers will be kept for display in the classroom and sent home later.

Make-Up Work

If the office has been informed of an absence by 9:00 am (the day of the absence) make-up work will be ready for pick up in the daycare room by 3:15 pm., if requested. Make-up days allowed for excused absences are equal to the days missed. At the teacher's discretion, not all class work needs to be made up from an extensive absence, nor will it adversely affect the grade.

Field Trips

Our field trips for the year will add greatly to what we are learning in science, history, music, art and Bible. Parents will receive information about the fieldtrips well in advance. I encourage parents to join us as chaperones. A non-refundable deposit will be required from the parents in October. Amount and date will be announced. This experience is a high point in the fifth grade, is educationally invaluable, and should not be missed.

Supplies

Students will need these supplies readily available throughout the year:

NIV Bible

6 pocket folders

College ruled notebook paper (3 packs)

#2 pencils and erasers (1 box per quarter)

Red & black pens – a couple of each

Markers are optional

3x5 index cards

2-3 highlighter pens

Scissors

Ruler

Glue sticks

1 Spiral notebooks (for notes)

White glue

2 boxes of tissue & 2 rolls of paper towels

1 composition notebook

Hand Sanitizer

Package of wipes

Parties

Our class will have a variety of parties during this school year. Some will be earned by students, and some will go along with holidays or what we are studying in class. If you want to do something to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please check with me in advance. We can then set aside a few minutes during recess, lunch time, or at the end of the day. If you wish to distribute birthday party invitations, please do so at the end of the school day, and EVERY student in class must be invited.

Rules

1. Follow direction, the first time.
2. Respect others & their property in words & actions.
3. Raise your hand to speak, and wait to be called on.
4. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Come to class prepared, and complete all assignments on time each day.

Students will be earning points based on these rules.

Communication

Feel free to contact me @ tclutter@independencechristianschool.com if you have any concerns or questions.

Excused and Unexcused Absence and Tardy Procedures

All children who have been absent, must return to school with a note (explaining their absence) in order to return to class. A written request is required for all pre-planned absences and must be approved by Mrs. Fowler at least one-week in advance.

Unexcused absences:

Family vacation

Trips to Disneyland

Family visiting from out of town-etc.

Remember, ALL requests must be in writing with at least one-week advance notice. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Excused absences:

Illness

Death in the family

Medical or Dental emergency

All students arriving at school after 8:30 am are considered late and must go to the office for an admittance slip. ***An adult must accompany late students to the office.***

I am aware of the Absence & Tardy procedures.

Parent name _____

Student name _____ Date _____

Return to school by September 30th, 2018.