

Fifth Grade from A to Z

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| <p>A</p> | <p><u>Air Conditioning</u>- If your child gets cold easily feel free to send a light jacket to leave in the classroom.</p> <p><u>Agenda</u>- Each student was given a Westmont agenda at the beginning of the year and is to record his/her homework in the agenda. The cost for the replacement of a lost agenda is \$5.00.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u>- attending school regularly is essential to your child's success. Please see the Columbia County Attendance Policy for specific information.</p> |
| <p>B</p> | <p><u>Birthdays</u>- feel free to send a special (store bought) treat to celebrate your child's birthday.</p> |
| <p>C</p> | <p><u>Computer Lab</u>- 5th graders will be working with several programs including A+ and Type to Learn. They will also be using the Internet to research specific topics.</p> <p><u>Conferences</u>- Two early release days have been designated for conferences. If you'd like to request a conference, please call, e-mail, or send us a note.</p> |
| <p>D</p> | <p><u>DPA-District Project Achievement</u>- This 4-H activity allows students to prepare a demonstration and attend a free weekend at Rock Eagle 4-H camp. Please encourage your child to participate in the worthwhile learning experience.</p> <p><u>DR</u>- Disciplinary Referrals will be given when necessary.</p> |
| <p>E</p> | <p><u>E-mail</u>- Please e-mail us... andrea.short@ccboe.net , c.griswold@ccboe.net, shanna.lafontaine@ccboe.net, marshall.buchanan@ccboe.net</p> |
| <p>F</p> | <p><u>Field Trips</u>- We will be proposing several field trips this year. Please consider helping by volunteering to chaperone.</p> <p><u>4-H</u>- Throughout the county fifth graders participate in 4-H activities. These activities are part of our curriculum and they meet many Science and Health objectives. There are many wonderful opportunities are available through 4-H.</p> <p><u>Forgery</u>- This occurs from time to time. Please discuss the seriousness of this with your child.</p> |

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| G | <u>Guidance</u> - Mrs. Palmer is our counselor and will be in the classroom once every other week for a 30 minute guidance lesson. Group and individual counseling are also available. |
| H | <u>Heelys</u> - If your child wears the shoes to school then the wheels must be removed and left at home. <u>Homework</u> - Assignments are written on the board daily. Students are asked to record assignments in the agenda and complete them on time. Students are encouraged to use class time wisely to reduce the amount of work that they will have to complete at home. All work should be kept in specified folders! |
| I | <u>Internet</u> - Students will be allowed to visit ONLY approved sites. All students must have the Internet permission form signed before they will be permitted to use the Internet. All internet activities will be teacher directed. |
| J | JOIN PTO FOR ONLY \$8.00!!!! |
| K | Keep all toys at home there is no place for them in 5 th grade. |
| L | <u>Library</u> - Students will have access to the media center on an "as needed" basis. When they are finished reading a book they may go to the media center to check out another book. Classroom libraries are also available for students to choose books from. <u>Links</u> - Your child's class will earn behavior links in each of their classes. When the chain touches the floor then the class will earn a reward. |
| M | <u>Math</u> - Students must pass the Math portion of the CRCT to be promoted to the 6 th grade. |
| N | <u>Newsletter</u> - Please read the "Bear Tracks" for news about Fifth Grade and upcoming events. We will include important dates and activities in the articles. |
| O | <u>Outside Recess</u> - Students should have proper outwear for cool weather. |
| P | <u>Principals</u> - Our Principal is Mrs. Tami Flowers, and our Assistant |

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| | <p>Principal is Mrs. Kim Romero.</p> <p><u>PE</u>- Dr. Joni Lawton and Coach Connie Maxwell are the PE teachers this year.</p> <p><u>Purses</u>- Girls are not allowed to carry purses around the school. If they need to carry one for personal items it will have to be hung up with their book bag during the day.</p> |
| Q | <p><u>Quiet</u>-Quiet hallways are a must! As 5th graders your children should be good models for the younger students while they are in the hallway.</p> |
| R | <p><u>Reading Renaissance</u>- Your child's reading level is determined by the STAR test. They are then assigned a reading range known as the ZPD and will choose books within that range.</p> <p><u>Responsibility</u>- Please help us prepare your child for middle school by letting them assume the responsibility for their work.</p> <p><u>Restroom</u>- Students have several opportunities to use the restroom during the day.</p> |
| S | <p><u>Signed Papers</u>- These are usually sent home every other Wednesday. Please look through the packet and sign and return the ENTIRE PACKET.</p> |
| T | <p><u>Teachers</u>- We are Chad Buchanan, Carolyn Griswold, Shanna LaFontaine (Mary Ellen Butler -currently), and Andrea Short. WE LOVE THE 5TH GRADE☺</p> |
| U | <p><u>Unusual Circumstances</u>- Please let us know of any unusual circumstances that may impact your child's learning.</p> |
| V | <p><u>Volunteers</u>- Please consider helping out with classroom activities. Volunteers are needed at various times throughout the year. Let us know if you can help!</p> |
| W | <p><u>Water</u>- We would like all students to bring a water bottle with a pop-up spout to school with them DAILY. The brain needs constant hydration for optimal performance. No straws, please!</p> <p><u>Weekly Readers</u>- These are used to study current events. They will be taken as Social Studies grades and will be</p> |

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| | <p>distributed on Monday. They are due on Wednesday.</p> <p><u>Westmont Elementary</u>- 4558 Oakley Pirkle Rd. 863-0092</p> <p><u>Westy's World</u>- This is our morning news broadcast. Fifth Grade students are selected to be anchors and to provide technical support for Mrs. Heim, our Media Specialist.</p> <p><u>While You Were Out</u>- This make-up work sheet will have listed work that your child has missed due to his/her absence.</p> <p><u>Written Excuse</u>- We must have a written excuse for your child's absence ON THE DAY of their return. Please give us prior notice for any necessary absences that are scheduled ahead of time.</p> |
| eX | <u>eXtra</u> - recess is given occasionally. |
| Y | <u>Young Georgia Author's Exposition</u> - Students will have the opportunity to enter an original writing sample in this writing contest. |
| Z | <u>Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)</u> - This is a reading range as identified by the STAR test. Each student will be assigned his/her ZPD and will read books within that range. |