

## Welcome to Fifth Grade

We are happy to be your child's teacher. We have had the opportunity of meeting several of you and hope to know all parents in the near future. Your child is very important to us. We want them to learn, to grow, and have a happy year. The fifth grade switches classes throughout the day. Each child will be assigned a homeroom class. The fifth grade teachers are Mrs. Kumpf and Mrs. Williams.

It is great to be teaching at Tuckers Crossroads! I look forward to working with you and your child this school year. I live in the Tuckers Crossroads community with my husband and two children. I went back to school as an adult to pursue a degree in education and I am so glad I did. I love teaching and working with children everyday. I am looking forward to a great year at TXR!

Mrs. Kumpf

I am an eight year teacher, this year will be my second year at TXR. I have been married for seven years to my husband Clay. We have one child, Gracie, who attends The Learning Center at TXR. I am looking forward to teaching fifth grade and expect to have a wonderful year!

Mrs. Williams

## **CURRICULUM:**

- **MATH** (taught by Mrs. Kumpf and Mrs. Williams)
  - Publisher of text book: Houghton Mifflin
  - Main themes and goals: place value; comparing whole numbers, fractions, and decimals; adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions, decimals, and whole numbers; estimating; solving real world problems; identifying geometric figures and lines of symmetry; coordinate systems; measurement
  - Ways you can help: It is always helpful to either check your child's homework or encourage them to have a study buddy to go over work with. Extra practices for your student can be found at the end of each chapter. If your child is given a chance for extra credit or to redo an assignment, make sure they take advantage of that opportunity. Going over multiplication tables will also be very beneficial.
  - Standards: Standards can be found on the internet at [www.wcschools.com](http://www.wcschools.com) or [www.tennessee.gov/education](http://www.tennessee.gov/education)
- **ENGLISH** (taught by Mrs. Williams)
  - Publisher Macmillan/McGraw Main themes and goal: Writing, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, punctuation, capitalization, vocabulary, sentence structure, editing, dictionary skills, spelling, people and words of the day, metaphors, tenses, friendly and business letters, and alphabetical order.
  - Ways you can help: Have student look over notes and chapter a little bit each night. Review vocabulary and spelling words daily. Use the new vocabulary in everyday speaking. We will be doing lots of writing to get ready for the writing assessment in February, with an emphasis on narrative writing. Please proofread writings with your child as much as possible.  
Standards: Standards can be found on the internet at [www.wcschools.com](http://www.wcschools.com) or [www.tennessee.gov/education](http://www.tennessee.gov/education).
- **SCIENCE** (taught by Mrs. Kumpf)
  - Publisher of text book: SRA/McGraw-Hill
  - Main themes and goals: Plant and animal cell structure; relationships within an ecosystem, parts of a plant and what a plant must need for life, adaptations of plants and animals, fossils, space, atmosphere and weather, features and resources of Earth, forces and motion, properties of matter and energy
  - Ways you can help: Have student look over notes and chapters a little bit each night instead of waiting for the night before a test. Ask your child to explain specifically what they have been learning in class.
  - Standards: Standards can be found on the internet at [www.wcschools.com](http://www.wcschools.com) or [www.tennessee.gov/education](http://www.tennessee.gov/education)
- **SOCIAL STUDIES** (taught by Mrs. Kumpf)
  - Publisher of text book: Harcourt Brace
  - Main themes and goals: American culture, economics in the course of America's history, geography of U.S. and Tennessee, government of U.S. and Tennessee, Civil War, Development of Industrial U.S., Modern America, Great Depression, World War II, Post war U.S., contemporary U.S.
  - Ways you can help: Have student look over notes and chapters a little bit each night instead of waiting for the night before a test. Ask your child to explain specifically what they have been learning in class.
  - Standards: Standards can be found on the internet at [www.wcschools.com](http://www.wcschools.com) or [www.tennessee.gov/education](http://www.tennessee.gov/education).

## **CLASSROOM RULES AND CONSEQUENCES**

### **RULES**

1. Listen and follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Keep your hands, feet, objects, and unkind words to yourself
3. Respect others and belongings
4. Obey all school rules
5. Come to class prepared to learn

### **CONSEQUENCES (Demerits)**

Demerits will be noted in the student's agenda with a circled number and brief description of action

1. Warning
2. 10 minutes walking on track in designated area during recess.
3. 15 minutes walking on track in designated area during recess and call parent.
4. Visit to the office

NOTE: Some offenses may result in the student being sent straight to the office.

REWARDS: verbal praise, homework stickers, treats from treat box, and special lunch with teacher.

### **PROCEDURES**

1. Student must bring all needed materials and agenda to class every day
2. Homework must be completed on time
3. Morning work must be completed in allotted time
4. Agenda must be filled out properly with homework assignments
5. Agenda must be initialed by parent each night

## **AGENDA BOOKS**

- The student's agenda is a very good communication tool between parent and teacher. Each morning the student will fill out the day's homework assignments. If during the day that homework assignment is completed, it is the student's responsibility to get that assignment initialed by the teacher to let the parent know that it has been finished. Class work done during the school day will not be written in the agenda.
- The agenda will also be used to let the parent know if the student has not turned in an assignment.
- Each evening the parent needs to look at the assignments in the agenda and initial the day. This allows the teacher to know that the parent has seen it.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Teachers can be reached in many ways

- Email: Mrs. Kumpf – [kumpfa@weschools.com](mailto:kumpfa@weschools.com)  
Mrs. Williams – [williamsn@weschools.com](mailto:williamsn@weschools.com)
- Phone messages: Teachers can be reached by phone at 444-3956. Messages left after 12:00 may not be returned until after school or the next day.
- Websites: Teacher websites may be found by going to <http://www.weschools.com/txr/> then click on desired teacher. This will lead you to a link for their websites.
- Agendas: notes may also be written in the agenda or stapled to the agenda. Please write absentee notes on a separate piece of paper since they must be kept on file in the office.

## **GRADES**

- Wilson County Grading scale:  
A: 93-100                      C: 75-84                      F: Below 70  
B: 85-92                        D: 70-74

Every effort should be made by parents to make sure their child completes all assignments. After the assignment is late, 10 points will be taken off their grade for each day late. If an assignment is still missing at the end of the nine weeks a zero will be given.

- Any paper that is not headed correctly with name, date, subject, and homeroom teacher will result in a 5 point loss on the final grade.
- Progress reports: Every 4 ½ weeks of each 9 weeks period a progress report will go home showing your student's progress thus far.
- Report Card: At the end of the 9 weeks a report card will go home. At the end of the year the four 9 week period grades will be averaged for a final grade. This is the grade that goes into your child's permanent record.

## **SNACKS**

- If your child would like to bring a healthy snack to school each day these are the guidelines to follow:
  - If snack needs a spoon, that is the child's responsibility to bring one.
  - Send only enough snack each day for one portion, do not send an entire box of snack for one child
  - No sharing because sharing can lead to problems with spreading germs and food allergies.
  - A water bottle can be brought but must have a pop top and not a screw on lid. Please only bring water in the water bottle.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

- Field trips will be scheduled periodically throughout the year. Permission slips and information will go home plenty of time in advance.
- If you are interested in being a chaperone, please do not send money in unless the teacher has contacted you. There are times when we are limited to one or two parents.

## **CLASSROOM PARTIES**

- We will have 3 class parties during the year: Fall, Christmas, and Valentines
- If you are interested in sending food or supplies for these there will be a sign up sheet at PTO Open House.
- Room parents – Open House will be the time to sign up to be a room parent.

## **STUDENT BIRTHDAYS**

- It is fine if a student wants to bring in a snack for the class when it is his or her birthday. We only ask for a days notice so a time can be scheduled if needed.
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers of students in class cannot be sent home.
- If you are sending invitations through the school, each student in the class must receive one.

## **TUESDAY FOLDER**

All graded papers go home on Tuesdays unless a specific test is sent home with a child. Please send the empty folder bag back to school the next day. If it is not back on Thursday, your child will receive a demerit.