

I am excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year! This year will have learning curves and challenges, but I am ready to do what I can to help maximize your child's learning and love for school. Patience and support will help us all navigate this year together.

Fifth grade is a year full of growth and independence. Your child will learn many things! I look forward to getting to know

each child and to working with you this school year. Please read through this information carefully with your child. If you have any questions regarding anything listed, please let me know as soon as possible.

Departments: Your child will have 3 teachers this year. Mrs. Patricia Totty will teach Science and Social Studies and Mr. James Wardlow will teach ELA I will teach math as well as serve as your child's homeroom teacher. Organization is a huge part of keeping up with multiple classes. *Please help your child maintain an organized space for each subject.*

Email: Email is the easiest way to communicate with me. I check my email in the morning and in the afternoon. My email address is: barringercm@scsk12.org If you email regarding a homework assignment after 3:30, I cannot guarantee that I will get back to you prior to the next morning.

Weekly Newsletters: Newsletters will be posted to **Richland's website** by Sunday of each week. Please check Richland's website to understand the week's lesson plans/expectations. You may access the newsletter on my web site at any time to stay up to date on the weekly expectations for students.

Important Updates: I will use the REMIND app to keep you aware of necessary updates/info. Please be aware that I will not respond during instruction and will keep office hours. It is important that ALL grownups join the REMIND class to keep communication transparent.

Click Here to join Mrs. Barringer's Remind Class

Homework: Homework is a required SCS grading category. It comprises 5% of your child's average each quarter. I must take a minimum of 4 homework grades. Homework is graded for completion, not accuracy.

Graded Papers: Graded papers will be sent home each Wednesday in the Yellow Communication folder. Papers marked below a 70 must be signed and returned in the folder. **You will also be able to access your child's grades via PowerSchool at any time.** Be sure that you can login to your child's PowerSchool account. If you need assistance, you will need To contact the main office. It is the expectation that the folder is signed for each week using the form in the page protector. While I will be in communication with you pertaining to grades, please check Power School weekly to ensure that there are no surprises.

Grading Policy: Grades 1-5

The basic grading system for knowledge / subject area is expressed by the letters "A", "B", "C", "D", and "F" with the following numerical values except for 1st grade science and social studies which will be expressed by the letter "S" or "N".

A	. 90-100
В	. 80-89
C	70-79
D	. 60-69
F	Below 60.

Homework: 5% (minimum four grades) Class Participation: 5% (minimum four grades) Classwork: 40% (minimum four grades) Projects, portfolios, or presentations: 5% (minimum one grade) Tests: 45% (minimum four grades)

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parent conferences must be arranged by appointment. There are two designated conference dates. However, it is not necessary to wait until conference days. You are always welcome to contact me about scheduling a conference. I will try to work with you to schedule a time to meet.

Math Facts: 5th grade math is built on the foundation of multiplication facts. All students should have multiplication facts mastered by the end of 4th grade. We will continue this practice weekly.

Discipline Plan: **Students will receive a daily conduct score that should be discussed and initialed each night.** Each classroom will develop specific classroom rules for their class. however, consequences for breaking these rules are the same grade wide. From quiet warnings to time outs with reflection time, to loss of privileges, a range of interventions will be used depending on the severity of the rule that is broken. Students will be given 3 chances to correct

"minor incidents" before a referral to the office. (Parents will also be made aware.) Very serious problems will be sent to the office with a disciplinary form and a notation will be entered in the principal's computer files.

<u>*Please note that missing a homework assignment does constitute a conduct check.</u> <u>*</u> <u>Conduct scores will come home in the Wednesday folder for the previous week. This is a</u> <u>change from 4th grade.</u>

Make up work: If your child is absent, please send an email excuse. A note is required for excused absences. These notes MUST be sent to school within 3 days. After the 3rd day of returning to school, the secretaries will no longer have the option of changing the unexcused absence to excused. I will give students their make-up work. It is the student's responsibility to complete the work and submit it. **Please note that you can check your child's attendance in Power School at any time.**

Supplies: Thank you for purchasing the supplies suggested on the 5th grade list. Throughout the year, please remember to check with your child to see which supplies he or she has run out of, especially after the holidays. Please make sure your child always has a working expo marker daily. **Dry erase expo markers do not last all year and we use them DAILY in math.**

PLEASE NOTE: birthday snacks (cupcakes, cookies, etc.) will not be permitted.

will not be permitted to pass out party invitations in class. Please handle this outside of

school.

Recess: Recess will take place in science/social studies daily. A more detailed daily class schedule can be found below:

8:15- Arrival and Activity Bins

8:30-9:20- ENCORE

9:20-10:05-BOOST

10:05-11:35- Block One

11:40-12:10- Lunch

12:15-1:45- Block Two

1:45-3:15- Block Three

As we move forward in the year, I will send updates. Please check my website weekly to have an idea of what we will do in class.