**Welcome Back!**

September 11, 2020

Dear Springdale Parents,

We want to welcome you and your child to a wonderful school year. Springdale’s theme is Education and Exposure…the Great Equalizer. Your 5th grade team consists of Ms. Tonya Walton and Mrs. Lesa Williams. Both educators have taught over 20 years in the SCS system and displays a great love and care for our students. We are asking and requiring your encouragement and support for a successful year. You can help us achieve this goal by making sure your child comes to school daily and on time; focuses on his/her tasks and assignments daily; ready to learn by having the proper materials for class, and exhibits proper behavior.

The fifth graders will transition to Math and Science and ELA (Reading and Writing) and Social Studies classes. Our academics for this year will be challenging, yet enjoyable. The optional career focus for fifth grade is Forensics and Chemistry. We are looking forward to exploring these careers with field trips (virtually) and learning from guest speakers.

Grading will consist of classroom participation, classwork, homework, weekly tests, quizzes, and projects. All grades will be based on a 100 points scale with ‘A’ being the highest letter grade and ‘F’ being the lowest letter grade. Assessments will be given on Friday unless otherwise stated. Homework is an extension of the day’s learning. We ask that you work with your child in completing and understanding the skills. Your child will receive acknowledgment for completed homework.

Our behavior plan is consistent with the school’s behavior plan noted in the parent hand book. We are asking that we work together as a team to make sure your child is following all virtual classroom and school rules.

With your help, we truly believe we can accomplish our goals together for a fantastic 2020-2021 school year at Springdale Memphis Magnet Elementary School, home of “Panther Pride”! Feel free to contact us with your comments, questions or concerns at [williamslm1@scsk12.org](mailto:williamslm1@scsk12.org) and [waltontr1@scsk12.org](mailto:waltontr1@scsk12.org). Please leave an email and we will contact you by the end of the school day. We look forward to an awesome year!

Sincerely,

Springdale’s Fifth Grade Teachers