Welcome to Grades 4 & 5
Contacts

Class Dojo will be our primary method of contact with you. Please check it periodically throughout the week.

- Messages
- Reminders
- Photos
- Document uploading
- Feedback regarding behavior
Healthy Snacks

• Students may not bring in any food containing nuts. This is a district policy.
• Select foods that do not require the use of eating utensils, and that are not spill-able.
• Please do not send in snacks for your child to share unless notice has gone home for a party or other celebration.
• Only water will be allowed into classrooms.
Absences, Tardiness, & Early Dismissal

• We completely understand missing class can be unavoidable.
• We also know that time spent in the classroom receiving instruction is critical to students’ success. Absences, tardiness, and early dismissals do negatively impact students’ access to instruction and time to practice skills with guidance.
School Supplies

• Students have been given a color-coded folder for each subject.

• Check with your child to see if he/she has a spiral notebook or composition book for each subject.

• Each student should also have a pencil pouch containing writing utensils and other supplies such as crayons, erasers, etc.

• Headphones or earbuds are needed for students to use technology in the classroom.

❤️ If you have a concern about providing these supplies, please send any of us a note or message in Class Dojo.
Block Schedule

• Your child will attend two academic classes each day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. That translates to five classes two times per week.

• Your child’s homeroom teacher will supply you with your child’s weekly schedule including their special subject classes.
Daily Planners & Homework

• Each student has been given a planner for the school year. The planners serve as a lesson in responsibility and organization. We encourage students to record homework assignments for each class per the teacher’s direction.

• Nonetheless, they will not receive homework assignments every day in every subject.
Grading Policy

• Grades under 70% may be corrected and returned for a new (averaged) grade.
• If an assignment is turned in more than a week late, the grade will drop by one letter.
• Regarding absences, please do not request work ahead of time; we will help your child catch up when they return.
• Checking in with Parent Connect will also help you and your child know if any work is missing.
MISTAR Parent Connect

• In addition to viewing the graded assignments your child brings home, please check your child’s grades on MISTAR Parent Connect.

• It allows you access to the teachers’ gradebooks so that you can view your child’s status.

• Please speak to Ms. Slappey if you need assistance getting your login information. Students also have access to this resource through Student Connect.
Progress Reports vs. Report Cards

• Progress report grades are NOT final grades. They are a snapshot of where your child is at that point in the card marking. 

  Report cards are final grades.

• Missing assignments significantly affect grades. \(100+100+100+0=300/400=C\)

• MISTAR grades can change daily; grades fluctuate up and down as we enter assignments.
Contacts

We may also be reached by email:

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Thank you!

We look forward to teaching your children, building on their past successes, and developing our partnership with you.