

Dear 5th Grade Families,

Thank you for coming to Back to School Night! We are delighted to have the opportunity to meet and welcome you to our classrooms. Your interest in your student's education will greatly help to improve their performance. With your participation in and out of the classroom, we can look forward to a great year!

As a 5th grade team, we will do everything we can to make this year successful for each student. The standards and expectations for conduct and academic growth are very high, and we will provide the opportunity to share learning and fun in a supportive environment. Through hard work each student will reach his or her academic goals.

In 5th grade, students will develop independence and good work habits, while demonstrating good character. Individual responsibility and problem solving skills will be stressed. All students will be required to participate in group activities, which are designed to improve self-confidence and teamwork.

Clovis Unified School District and Temperance-Kutner teach "Character Counts". Character Counts is based on The Six Pillars of Character, teaching the qualities of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Thank you again for coming this evening,

The 5th Grade Team

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Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly, and will include nightly reading, math and language arts review, as well as projects. Homework packets will be given on Fridays, and are due the following Friday. Long-term assignments, like book reports will have periodic checks to monitor progress.

Planners have been provided to keep track of homework and daily assignments. Students will have time in class to write their assignments neatly in their planners.

Students with excused absences will have the same number of days they were absent to finish their missed assignments. For example, if a student is absent for five days, they will have five days to complete their assignments. Any assignments given before the absence are due the day the student returns. Students are responsible for completing any tests they miss due to absences at recess or lunch.

Grading

Your student will receive letter grades in Reading, Spelling, Language Arts/Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

The following grading scale will be used:

90 – 100%	= A
80 – 89%	= B
70 – 79%	= C
60 – 69%	= D
Below – 60%	= F

Effort grades will be given for Citizenship and PE (please see attached grading scales).

Each week a progress report will be sent home with each student showing current grades, missing assignments, and weekly behavior. Parents are expected to sign and return this weekly update. Any missing assignments will need to be completed by the following week and returned with the progress report. **Any missing assignments not completed within one week will be graded a zero.**

****The majority of weekly 5th grade tests will be Wednesday mornings.****

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)

Students will be held to meeting the expectations of our Trojan Charge,

Be Safe ★ Be Respectful ★ Be Responsible

Classroom Expectations

Respect the people, equipment, and furnishings of the classroom.

Have all appropriate materials and supplies ready when the bell rings.

Turn in assignments on time and correctly labeled.

Change tasks quickly and quietly.

Adjust your voice level to suit the activity.

Rewards will be based on a grade-level and school wide system.

Violations of the Trojan Charge will follow the below steps.

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: teacher/student meeting

3rd offense: teacher/student meeting and

“Needs to Improve” form sent home (parent signature required)

Sparthenian Award Quarterly Requirements

Mind:

- ★ I have a 3.50 GPA or better.
- ★ I have met the quarterly Reading Counts goal.
1st quarter = 25 pts 2nd quarter = 30 pts
3rd quarter = 30 pts 4th quarter = 15 pts

Body:

- ★ I fully participate in physical education exercises and games
- ★ I have received an Outstanding effort for PE

Spirit:

- ★ I have no referrals to the office.
- ★ I have no dress code violations; hair or clothing.
- ★ I have no 'N's on my report card.
- ★ I have Outstanding citizenship