Mrs. Murbach’s 5th Grade

2016-2017

**About Our Class:**

We will be learning math, science, language arts, social studies, and P.E. together this year. We will be using the My Math book, doing many science experiments, reading many, many books, and exploring the past. We will make connections to real life topics and learn how the world around us works. We will be learning and having fun together.

**Math:**

We will be doing math all five days a week. Tests will typically be on Fridays. Math homework will occur Monday through Thursday, unless there is a test that day.

**Spelling:**

We will be studying our words daily, and testing on Fridays. Spelling homework is three spelling assignments a week, all due on Fridays. These assignments can be any variety of the assignments listed on the class website or any other that you and I have discussed. Spelling homework is meant to help you learn and understand our spelling words. Choose three assignments that will help you accomplish this goal.

**Vocabulary:**

Every two weeks, we will be studying a new set of vocabulary words together. Our words will come from the math book, science text, or the books that we read together. While there will not be vocabulary homework, we will be testing on our words every other Friday.

**Reading:**

Students are expected to read five days a week for a minimum of 30 minutes each day. Each Friday, a reading log will be due.

**Daily Planners:**

Students need to write in homework assignments at the end of each day and show them to their parents.

**Makeup Work:**

We all have to miss school occasionally. When a student is absent, it is the STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to get their missing work from me. Work from excused absences will have twice as many days to turn in before it is considered late. An example would be if a student missed two days of school for an excused absence, they would have four days to turn in all of the missing work for full credit. After the allotted time, the work will be considered late.

**Late Work:**

Late work is allowed for partial credit. Remember, some credit is better than none at all. Every other Wednesday, students will be given a missing work report showing all missing assignments. Students will have until the following Monday before the assignment will be considered a “0”. I will also be sending an email out for updated progress reports at the same time as missing work reports.

**Homework:**

I know homework has already been discussed, but let’s go over it again. There will be three things each week for homework: math assignments, nightly reading, and spelling homework. Nightly reading is so important, so READ, READ, READ! Students who turn in all assignments each week get to play Homeworkopoly on Fridays.

**My Availability:**

I love to answer questions. If you need help understanding something or just have a question please so not hesitate to ask. I am available from 7:50 am until 4:15 pm daily. If a student needs help with a particular assignment, please come and see me. I can also be reached at nmurbach.weebly.com, nmurbach@hawthornacademy.org, or at (801) 260-3040.

This is going to be such a fun year! I have many fun and exciting lessons planned. I cannot wait to start this 5th grade adventure with you!

~Mrs. Murbach