

Fifth Grade Rules and Procedures
St. Madeleine Sophie
2019-2020

Welcome fifth graders and families! We have an exciting year of learning and sharing ahead of us! I am excited to announce that Mr. Ehle and I will be working together in 5th grade this year for the first 12 weeks of school in the mornings. He will continue teaching P.E in the afternoons. How did you want to address the video waiver?

We want to give everyone an idea of how we will work together to make the year more enjoyable and successful. Please read and discuss the Fifth Grade Rules and Procedures together and sign on the lines on the last page to indicate you are ready for a fantastic year!

Fifth Grade Classroom Rules and Responsibilities

1. Be Respectful
 - ★ Listen when someone is talking
 - ★ Respect what others say
 - ★ Raise our hand before speaking
 - ★ Respect the property of others
 - ★ Take care of our school

2. Be Prepared
 - ★ Come to class with a positive attitude
 - ★ Have supplies and materials ready and organized
 - ★ Follow directions the first time

3. Treat Others as You Wish to Be Treated
 - ★ Cooperate with others
 - ★ Take turns and share
 - ★ Encourage others to do their best

4. Learn From Our Mistakes

5. Work Hard and Do Your Best

Students can earn class dollars for appropriate behavior. Tonight for homework, each student will be designing a class dollar. Everyone's dollar will be in "circulation" to be handed out for appropriate behavior. Approximately every other month, we will have an opportunity where students can "buy" prizes with their earned class dollars.

Homework and Assignments

Homework assignments may be used for pre learning skills or content, to check for understanding or reinforce content covered in class, help build organizational strategies, and develop time management skills. In fifth grade, homework is generally expected to take 50-60 minutes each night, Monday through Thursday. Please note that long term projects may run into weekends. Late projects and assignments will receive a reduction in grade, however only up to two weeks.

Students are expected to complete homework independently. A parent's job is to provide an appropriate work space, check that work is finished, and support students in making sure assignments are in their binder and ready to be turned in on the due date. Please monitor your child's time spent on homework. If a particular assignment is taking an inordinate amount of time to complete, please indicate minutes spent on the assignment and sign the page. Your signature will serve to excuse the rest of the assignment and will provide me with valuable feedback about your child's instructional needs.

Students are capable of consistently producing high quality work in which they take great pride. All work must be legible, and fulfill the specific requirements. Make sure assignments and homework have the correct heading on your paper.

PowerSchool/Parent Portal

All student scores will be recorded in PowerSchool, St. Madeleine Sophie's online gradebook. In fifth grade, it is important for students and parents to check the Parent Portal throughout the year to track progress and work completion.

Student Planner

Each student will be provided with a planner on the first day of school. Students are expected to record all assignments and projects at the end of each day. It is critical for parents to read and review the planner on a daily

basis to ensure work is being completed. I will sign planners at the end of each day to check students are recording assignments, projects or exams and to help them better develop their organizational skills.

Absences

Students will be given extensions on assignments in the case of excused absences. If you want to pick up your child's homework during their absence, please contact me to make arrangements. It is the student's responsibility to check with the teacher for missed work. Tests that are missed due to an excused absence will be rescheduled upon the student's return. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for further details.

Making Good Choices

Being mindful of how our actions affect others is an important skill to develop. In our classroom, positive choices are celebrated and gentle reminders and problem solving strategies are offered for redirection. If, after several reminders in a day, a student continues to make poor choices, he or she will complete a **Behavior Reflection Sheet** detailing the inappropriate behavior and take it home for parent signature.

Lockers

5th grade lockers are located in the 5th grade classroom. Students may only access their own lockers at times specified by the teacher. These lockers should be thought of as private storage space. Lockers should be clean and organized at all times. No locks or stickers on lockers. No food or valuables should be left in lockers overnight.

Snacks and Water Bottles

There is a short snack time before the first recess. Please no sugar treats such as candy or cookies during snack time. Sturdy, reusable water bottles labeled with your name are required for PE and may be used in the classroom as long as they are not a distraction to yourself or other students. Only water can be used in these bottles.

Uniform Policy

Students are expected to wear their school uniform except on days that have been designated, "Non-Uniform Dress Days" or when they have earned a non-uniform pass. No jackets or non-uniform sweatshirts/hoodies are to be worn in the classroom.

Communication

Communication is Key! If at anytime my expectations are unclear, please let me know. I am most easily reached by email (aconnell@stmadsophie.org). If needed, an in person or phone conference can be scheduled via email.

I am currently working on updating the fifth grade website with information detailing specific units of study, helpful links, and tidbits about our classroom happenings. More procedures and information will be explained during Back to School Night.

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St. Madeleine Sophie's Fifth Grade Rules and Procedures
Sign, detach and return by Friday, September 6th

We have read St. Madeleine Sophie's Fifth Grade Rules and Procedures

Student name:

Student Signature:

Parent(s) name:

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