



TEAM WONDER TIMES

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Welcome Back to School

We hope these first days of school have gone well for you and your child. We spent this week getting to know each other, learning our schedule, and classroom procedures. It can be overwhelming at first, but we are all getting acclimated to our new learning environment.

Communication Between Home and School

We believe that communication between parents and teachers is one of the most important factors of student success. To help facilitate communication we will be updating our website with team news every Friday. Please take a look at our site at <http://5thgradewonder.weebly.com>.

We also use Teacher Ease to communicate about grades and missing assignments. We use these tools to keep you informed of projects, due dates, at home learning opportunities, and missing assignments. You will be notified about updates to the website through Teacher Ease. **It is extremely important that your current email address is in on file with the district.** We sent a message today letting you know about this newsletter. If you did not receive an email, please check that your address is correct. Please send an email to help@pinckneyschools.org and request that your email address be updated. Please include your name, as well as the names of your students in the message.

We like our students to use Teacher Ease as a way of taking ownership and being accountable for missing assignments and grades. Approximately every other Friday, we will give students time to check for missing work and gather necessary materials. We will send an email asking that you also check on Teacher Ease. Please feel free to write a note, email, or follow up with a phone call if you have concerns or questions.

Messages to Students

If you have an important message that needs to be delivered to your child, please contact the office. We are not able to check our messages and email during the day as we are busy teaching. We are not always able to deliver your messages in a timely way.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Independent Reading Time

Research shows reading skills are developed with daily practice. We dedicate 30 minutes a day to practicing this skill. Students will be tested at the beginning of the year to determine their reading level. They should read books at or slightly above this reading level. Our goal is to complete 20 books by the end of the school year. Please monitor your child's book selection and encourage at least 15 minutes of reading time per evening.

Students need to have a book in class at all times. We will go to the library every week to renew or exchange books. Students will complete assignments in a readers notebook related to their independent reading.

Conferences

Our student-led conferences will be held on Thursday, November 14. In an effort to provide convenience and flexibility, our conferences will be conducted in a "Drop In" format. This means that you may drop in anytime between 4:15 and 7:30. More information about conferences will be sent home as the date approaches.

Parent Helpers

We are in need of parents who would like to help us make copies, file papers and hang up student work. Anyone interested in helping should call or email Mrs. McHugh.

Parent Information Sheet

Attached to this newsletter you will find several questions about your child. This information is valuable to us and we refer back to it several times during the year. We appreciate your time in filling it out. Please return it to your child's homeroom teacher at your earliest convenience.

Questions to ask your child

How are you enjoying 5th grade?
Are you asking your teachers for help if you need it?
What is your book choice for IR right now?

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