

Pleasantdale

5th grade handbook



Name: _____

Fifth Grade Protocols:

1. Take responsibility for your own learning.
2. Respect yourself, others, and your community.

Welcome to fifth grade! We are all so happy to meet you and have you at the middle school. For the next four years you will be working, learning, listening, and participating at this school. You will be here approximately 1200 hours a year-that is a lot! Therefore you can call this your "second" home (I know we all do), we need to agree on a set of standards to make this a whole lot easier.

In this booklet, you will find some 5th grade rules to live by. We want to make this transition smooth, so look over these standards with a parent, too.



Think about a good team you have been on or watched in person or on television...

What makes it so strong? Why did they do so well?

You are now part of a new team. Some of the people in this class are people that you have known since kindergarten, but we are starting over and are even in a new place. So, as we go through the year-think about the importance of teamwork and being your own individual. We want to get to know you and see what you can offer this team!



Learning the Ropes...

Your language arts, science, math and social studies teachers approved the standards listed below. Your Spanish and your exploratory teachers may have a different set of rules.

LOCKERS

- You will get your locker the first day of school and will be required to have this memorized by the end of the week.
- This is also your first piece of homework-practice this at home!
- Never give out your combination to a friend. If someone needs to get in your locker if you are sick, the office will have it on file.
- You will use the locker for everything except: Social studies books/notebooks and your art box. These items can go in your desk in your social studies classroom



Below is our transition schedule for going to your locker if you forget something. There will be a sign out in each classroom after the first three weeks.

First two weeks	As needed
1st trimester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locker sign out begins• 5 times for the trimester• Over 5 times results in consequences
2nd and 3rd trimester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign out continues• 3 times for the trimester

TARDIES

- BE ON TIME TO CLASS!
- If you are tardy it will count against your preparedness points that each teacher maintains.
- If the tardies are a continuous problem, there will be a parent phone call and the team may decide on further consequences.

BATHROOM BREAKS

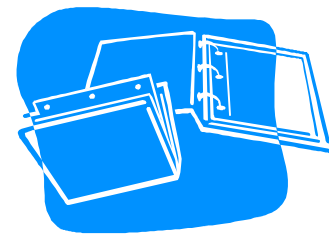
- You have 3 minutes for passing periods. Please try to use this time for the bathroom.
- If you need to go to the bathroom during a class, you will sign out on the clipboard near the door in each classroom.
- If you ever walk into the bathroom and see vandalism, immediately tell the teacher before you use the restroom.

NURSE AND OFFICE BREAKS

- If you need to visit the nurse or office, come to your teacher with your assignment notebook for her to sign you out. The sign out section is located in the far back of your assignment notebook. This will serve as your pass.

ORGANIZATION

- Your Pendeflex is very important. You will organize this during science class on the second day of school. Everyone in the school has this system.
- It is so crucial that you share the organization system with someone at home.
- Please clean out the folders often. NEVER THROW AN ITEM AWAY UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED ON THE MATERIAL.
- If you ever feel that the Pendeflex is a challenge and you aren't comfortable with this, let us know. We can talk about an alternative plan.



HOMWORK



- All homework will be written down in your assignment notebook. Each teacher has a place in the room where it is written after it is said.
- Check STI, a computer program, from home to see homework daily. Your parents will get a password in the mail which will allow them to access your homework and grades. It will be posted daily by 3:45, and you can make sure what you wrote is accurate.
- **You are responsible for all work you miss if you are absent.**
- You will have homework every night. Together as a fifth grade team, we plan to make sure any tests, projects or quizzes are not overloaded onto one day.
- Use study hall time if needed to complete homework. Especially, if you have an activity on a certain night and you know that homework time at home will be limited.

HOMWORK POLICIES

- All homework should be turned in on time.
- If it is one day late, there is a 10% reduction of the grade.
- We will accept it up to **2 days late** with 20% reduction in the grade.
- Certain exceptions to this rule may apply to unforeseen circumstances.
- When homework is not turned in on time, you may be asked to stay in at recess to make up the work. (see green slips)

Important tips for you when it's time to do your homework:

- Make sure the area is well-lit.
- Have it stocked with school supplies (calculator, pencils, pens, glue)
- Limit the distractions in the area-siblings, television, computers.
- Take small breaks after you complete a subject-reward yourself!



- Any chronic issues with homework will result in a parent-teacher-student meeting and a plan will be put in to place.

Green Slips

- Every time you miss a homework assignment you will receive a green slip
- You must miss a recess for every homework assignment that is late, missing or incomplete.
- Review the green slip sample below

Missing Homework

I didn't have my homework today and I **MUST** miss **ONE** recess.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone #: _____

Missing Assignment:

(Student: Do not fill out below)

STUDY HALL PASS

Teacher: _____ Room#: _____ Date: _____

How we head our papers

Title	Full Name Period Date