



Dear students,

Welcome future fifth graders! I can hardly wait to have you in my class. We have so much to learn together. You will be amazed at how much you grow as a student this year! This year will be packed full of new learning experiences that will be both challenging and exciting. For a successful year, I expect each one of you to work hard, try your best, be kind, and have a positive attitude. I promise to do the same in return!

We will be reading about new adventures through class novel studies, letting our creativity shine through writing, thinking critically to investigate science and discover history, and using different strategies to master new math skills. We will also be working cooperatively, exploring technology, and reading more than you ever thought possible!

I am looking forward to seeing each one of you in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dana McDade

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am looking forward to being your child's 5th grade teacher. We have so much to learn this year, and I absolutely can't wait to get started! We will be reading a lot this year and growing as writers. I encourage my students to read more than they thought possible, and I love seeing them set and crush their reading goals! I use class novels often in reading, which also gives us many writing opportunities. We have many new concepts to study in math, and English will include a review of basic grammar concepts including the parts of speech, capitalization, and punctuation. We will also study Ancient World History, which I supplement with a study of the presidents along with a review of the regions of the United States, including states and capitals. Our science curriculum is a balance of life science and physical science. Fifth grade is a year of many new skills being introduced, and we will hit the ground running in August.

I will send home a weekly newsletter, and students will copy their homework assignments daily.

This is my sixth year at Kemper Academy. Before my time here, I taught for five years at Northeast Middle School, five years at Neshoba Central Elementary, and two years at West Kemper Elementary. I have experience working in almost every grade from K4 through 12th grade, with the exception of 2nd and 3rd grade. I enjoyed my time and experiences in each grade level and learned a lot along the way. I absolutely love 5th grade, though; it is my favorite grade to teach so far!

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please contact me at dana.mcdade@kemperacademy.com. Also, check the school's website (kemperacademy.com) or Facebook page often for important updates. I will send information on how to sign up for the class Remind group the first week of school.

I am looking forward to watching a new group of students learn and grow in 5th grade!

Sincerely,
Dana McDade

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Kemper Academy

5th Grade

- #2 wooden pencils - no mechanical pencils
(Ticonderoga hold up the best and don't tear up the pencil sharpener like some brands)
- 2 – RED Plastic/Poly Folders with prongs & pockets
- 4- Plastic/Poly Folders with pockets only
(green, blue, yellow, orange)
- 6- Wide Ruled Marble Composition Books
- 4- pkg. wide ruled loose-leaf filler paper
- 1-pkg. construction paper
- 2- pack glue sticks
- Markers and crayons
- 1- 1 inch binder
- 1- pack plastic page protectors
- Scissors
- Small supply box
- Zippered pencil pouch

