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5H Updates

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Welcome to 5H!

As we begin the year in 5H I am excited to get to know your child. I look forward to a partnership with you and your child to see him or her succeed.

We have had a great start to the year in 5H. We are beginning to establish routines and expectations for our classroom community. I am looking forward to seeing parents on Back to School Night and discussing our curriculum in more detail.

Please ask your child what s/he has been doing in 5H. Ask your child to tell you about math, our homework rubric, Reading and Writing Workshop, Joe Bear or Sahara Special.

Homework

Students will receive an assignment notebook for homework assignments. Each day we go over the assignments before dismissal. Students record assignments in the notebook. (Assignments are also posted on our website.) I ask that a parent/guardian, tutor or other adult helper sign off on the notebook as a “check” on homework.

“How much should I help?” is always

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Greener Classroom

5H will work on becoming a greener classroom this year. An easy first step is for us to begin using refillable water bottles. As a parent myself, I know the single use bottles are easy and generate less dishes for a household. However, they generate a lot more waste. Thanks for your support!

Second, after this initial newsletter, all of our classroom newsletters will be available electronically on our school website. You can sign up for automatic email newsflashes from 5H as well as check nightly homework. (If you need a hard copy of the newsletter each week, please send a note to me by September 12th.)

Wellesley Public Schools has a new email system that just went live last week. Please note the new email address at the top of the newsletter and have patience as we transition to the new system! Thanks!

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mec.edu](http://www.wellesley.mec.edu).

Specialist Schedule

Below is our grade five specialist schedule. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately and has sneakers on PE days. Library books are due on checkout days. (Books can be taken out and returned on any day.) In grade five we do not have a regular library class, but have a checkout time weekly and research blocks when we are working on projects.

Monday – PE

Tuesday – Music & Art

Thursday – Chorus & Library
Checkout

Friday – PE & Grade 1 Buddies

Snacks

We have a working snack each morning in 5H. I know at this age many children pack their own snacks. All children should eat healthy snacks (ie. No candy bars, chips, soda.) It makes a huge difference in learning. Thanks for your help in monitoring your child's choice ☺

a question that comes up and I plan to address this in more detail at Parent Night. However, a guiding principle to keep in mind is that the homework is your child's. S/he may need help getting started, organizing space, establishing a routine or a reminder to give it 100% but s/he is responsible for the actual completion.

Reading Response Journals

Journals are due on different days for different children. Please note your child's due date on the journal. Each child completes a minimum of a one-page response each week as part of the weekly homework. For more details about writing a response, please refer to your child's journal. Regular Journal due dates will not begin until later in September.

Communication

I have e-mail and voice mail and do check my messages daily. I will try to answer your messages as promptly as possible, but if the issue requires immediate attention, such as a change in transportation after school, please send a note with your child or call the office. In addition, please send me parent e-mail addresses. I will send most notices, newsletters or reminders via e-mail or our class website. It can be a bit more reliable than the backpack!

Parent Open House
September 17, 2008
6:45 – 7:15PM