

CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2008-2009 Parent Orientation

Fifth Grade Class

Ms. Indindoli & Mr. Falkowski

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Ms. Indindoli Ext. 255

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August 2008,

Dear Parents,

We are excited to have your child in our class and are looking forward to the new academic year. This packet contains the expectations and the discipline plan for the year. Please review it with your child. Both parent and student need to sign the appropriate section and return to me. Also enclosed are the courses of study for Science, Math, Social Studies, Language Arts, Reading, and Bible. Occasionally it may be necessary to make changes.

Field trips have been planned this year. The first is at Hume Lake Christian Camp. It is scheduled for September 15th through September 19th. Our other field trips will include Tall Ships, a play, Vasona Service Project, Superior Court, De Anza Planetarium, and Daybreak Camp. We may schedule additional field trips.

We strongly believe fifth grade students should take responsibility for their academic work. Listed below are some of the guidelines and pertinent information to encourage this.

Homework

- Homework will be assigned daily in the student planner.
- Homework assignments are due at the beginning of each day.
- All homework is to be neat.
- Students are expected to have their name and correct headings on all papers.
- Unfinished class works is to be completed as homework.
- All homework will be kept in a work folder.
- Late homework – first day 15 points, each additional day 10 points

Friday Folders

- Corrected work for the week will be sent home each week in the Friday folder.
- Occasionally, papers marked “Please Correct” will be in the folder. They need to be corrected and returned in the work folder.
- Students must return the Friday folder, with parent’s signature, each Monday.

Grading Scale:

- 90% to 100% = A
- 80% to 89% = B
- 70% to 79% = C
- 60% to 69% = D
- Below 60% = F

Report Cards and Conferences:

- Report cards are issued quarterly.
- Conferences with all parents will be scheduled at the end of first quarter.
- Progress reports, if needed, will be sent home the fifth week of each quarter.

If you have any questions, contact us via e-mail, phone, or a note. You can also make an appointment by calling the school at 370-4900, ext. 255 Ms. Indindoli or 244 Mr. Falkowski. Also encourage your child to talk to us regarding any questions or concerns they may have.

In Christian Love,

Ms. Indindoli and Mr. Falkowski

FIFTH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION

Student Birthdays	Student's birthdays will be celebrated during the week their birthday occurs. Treats should be simple: popsicles, juice boxes, cupcakes, fruit, veggies & dip.
Memory Verses	Bible memory verses will be part of our Bible curriculum. Memory verses will be sent home each week as part of the Friday newsletter. We will also have a devotional time each morning. Each child will be asked to present a devotional talk twice a year.
Personal Items	Please label all items your child brings to school including sweaters, sweatshirts, pencils, crayons, rulers, lunchboxes, etc. <u>Do not send toys to school.</u>
Medicine	All medicine should be labeled with your child's name. <u>Parents</u> must take all medication to the <u>school office</u> . Do not allow your child to bring any medicine into the school. Your child will be sent to the office to take medication. <i>Refer to the Parent-Student Handbook.</i>
Work Folder	Homework assignments and unfinished class work will be sent home in the student's work folder. Have your child complete their work and return this folder the next morning.
Homework	Homework will be assigned and collected each day. Please review with your child his/her homework. Homework will take about 45 minutes a night. Occasionally special projects will be assigned with specific due dates. If homework is taking longer please consult with me.
Friday Folders & Friday Newsletters	Each Friday your child will bring home a folder with his/her work and a newsletter. The newsletter will include class schedule, special activities, memory verse and all other subject plans for the week, including test dates. We encourage you to look at this folder on Fridays so you will have an idea of your child's workload for the following week. Students are expected to correct all papers stamped "Please correct." The corrected papers should be returned with their folders on the following Monday. <u>A parent signature is required on all Friday folders.</u>
Spelling Tests	Spelling tests will be given on Fridays. Students will have an opportunity to take the pretest on Monday. If they make 100% they are exempt from taking the test on Friday.
Parent Conferences	Parent conferences are scheduled at the end of the first quarter. If you would like additional conferences, please schedule an appointment by calling the office at 370-4900, Ms. Indindoli, ext. 255 or Mr. Falkowski, ext 244. Mornings and afternoons, when children are being dropped off or picked up, are usually very busy times and are inappropriate times for the teachers to discuss students' work or progress in class.

Student Pickup

Please follow the school guidelines for picking up and dropping off your child. Please say your good-byes to your child before morning flag salute.

Class Parties

Five parties have been scheduled for this year.

1. Thanksgiving
2. Christmas
3. Valentine's Day
4. Easter
5. End of the Year

Math Folder

All students will have a math folder that they will keep at school. In their folder they will organize daily problem set assignments, speed tests, record sheets, tests, and score sheets. Math folders will go home every Friday for parents to look at **AND sign**. Please take time to browse through your child's assignments each Friday. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. All math folders must be returned to school each Monday.

Fifth Grade Discipline Plan

In order to guarantee your child and all students the excellent learning climate they deserve, the discipline plan described below will be used.

PHILOSOPHY

All students can behave appropriately in class. Students will not be allowed to disrupt teaching and/or other students from learning.

CLASS RULES

- Follow directions.
- Be considerate of others and their possessions.
- Respect and speak kindly to others.
- Use self control.
- Be responsible for yourself, your belongings, and your assignments.

CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING RULES

- 1st Consequence – Warning, card turned
- 2nd Consequence – 1 ticket, 5 minutes time out.
- 3rd Consequence – Two tickets, 15 minute time out.
- 4th Consequence – Three check marks, lose recess, visit principal

It is in a child's best interest for parents and teachers to work together. I will be in close contact with you regarding your child's progress in the classroom. Please sign the form below acknowledging you have discussed the discipline plan with your child. Return it as soon as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at 370-4900, Ms. Indindoli, ext. 255 or Mr. Falkowski, ext. 244.

BIBLE

FIFTH GRADE COURSE OF STUDY

Biblical Choices for a New Generations – Standard Publishing
“Character First! Education”

First Quarter
“God’s Faithful People in New Surrounding”

Topics:
Divided Kingdom
Ezekiel
Daniel
Zechariah
Esther

Second Quarter
“Instructions for God’s Faithful People”

Topics:
Job
Nehemiah
Ezra
Ecclesiastes
Malachi

Third Quarter
“Knowing the Basis of your Faith”

Topics:
Jesus the Messiah
Paul’s Journeys
Romans
Galatians

Fourth Quarter
“How to Live Out and Tell About Your Faith”

Topics:
Jesus the High Priest
Hebrews
I Peter
II Peter

MATH

FIFTH GRADE COURSE OF STUDY

September	Counting Sequence, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication
October	Division, Number Lines, Fractions
November	Fractions Word Problems
December	Multiplying Two and Three Digits
January	Decimals Multiplying Fractions
February	Dividing Fractions Whole Numbers
March	Multiplying Decimals Numbers and Percent
April	Probability Decimal Number
May	Adding and Subtracting Fractions

The textbook is Saxon Math.

Students will keep all Math work in a folder. Problem sets will be done each day. Work not completed in class will be sent home as homework. After each set of five lessons, tests will be given. Students making below 80% will be re-tested. Problem sets and tests will be corrected and kept in a folder. Please check and sign math folder score sheet over the weekend. We will check math folders each Monday.

SOCIAL STUDIES

FIFTH GRADE COURSE OF STUDY

- September – October Geography of the United States
 - Native Americans
 - Exploration of America
 - Election Unit

- November Building the English Colonies
 - The Thirteen Colonies

- December – January American Revolution
 - Government
 - Western Expansion

- February – March Civil War
 - Reconstruction
 - Nation of Immigrants

- April – May – June The Fifty States
 - Becoming a World Power

The textbook is History – Social Science.

Map and globe skills will be developed. Students will study landforms, climates, natural resources, and regions. Students will be required to make oral reports on various topics. Cooperative groups will be used to work on projects covering the American Revolution and the Civil War. Each child will be required to present a report on one of the states in the fall. We'll do an election unit in the fall.

Field trips will include tall ships, Superior Court and Civil war presentation.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

FIFTH GRADE COURSE OF STUDY

Textbooks: Science by: McGraw Hill

September	Plants I
October	Plants II Weather and Climate I
November	Weather and Climate II
December	Earth and Its Resources
January	Earth and Its Resources
February	Matter
March	Matter
April	Human Body Health
May	Human Body Health

Our science curriculum is designed to teach the students to ask questions, form and test hypotheses, collect data, share results, analyze results, and draw conclusions. Therefore, we will conduct experiments on a regular basis.

Field trips will be planned to enrich the science and health program. Hume Lake Christian Camp will be our first science-related trip as well as the De Anza Planetarium.

During Open House in May each student will exhibit a science fair project.

Reading

FIFTH GRADE COURSE OF STUDY Houghton - Mifflin

This syllabus lists the various outside reading books the students will be studying this coming school year. In addition to these books, students will be reading stories out of their reading textbook and workbook pages will be assigned weekly over these stories.

September	“Sign of the Beaver”
October	“Bridge to Terabithia”
November – December	“Christian Heroes”
January	“Literature Circle”
February-March	“My Side of the Mountain”

English

FIFTH GRADE COURSE OF STUDY

Textbook: *English* by: Houghton Mifflin
Spelling and Vocabulary by: Houghton Mifflin

September	Nouns Writing a Story I
October	Verbs I Writing a Story II
November	Verbs II Writing to Express an Opinion
December	Adjectives Writing to Persuade
January	Sentences Writing to Compare and Contrast
February	Capitalization and Punctuation Writing a Personal Narrative I
March	Pronouns Writing a Personal Narrative II
April	Adverbs Writing a Research Report I
May	Prepositions Writing a Research Report II

Our English class is composed of two sections: grammar and writing skills. Also, we will practice and test spelling words. The syllabus lists the monthly grammar and writing units.

Writing topics will be assigned on a regular basis. The students will learn how to compose good writing by learning the following steps: brainstorm, pre-write, first draft, edit, final draft, and publish. During the year they will practice writing paragraphs, personal narratives, stories, poems, letters, book and play reviews, and essays.

English homework consists of workbook pages, writing assignments, and spelling words. These words are tested on Friday. Also, there will be a test at the end of each Grammar and Writing Unit.

Book reports will be assigned throughout the year.

GRADE 5 SUPPLIES

Miss Indindoli's Class

Hume Lake Science Camp September 15-19, 2008

- 1 package college-ruled notebook paper
- 1 package wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 Mead composition journals (100 sheets/200 pages)
- 2 dozen #2 pencils, **sharpened**
- 1 3-subject spiral notebook
- 1 set of index cards
- 1 package (12-24 ct.) colored pencils
- 4 green pens (ink if possible)
- 8 erasable pens (blue or black ink)
- 2 boxes of tissue (200 + count)
- 1 ruler with inch and metric markings
- 1 pair of scissors**
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box waterbase colored markers
- 6 folders with pockets
- 2 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 pack post-its (3X3 inch)
- 1 spool correction tape (no fluid please)
- 1 eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener (manual)

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