**Welcome to 5th grade with Ms. Chandler and Mr. Russell!**

Inside this packet you will find all the information you will need to know for 5th grade. If you have any questions, please email us at any time.

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"The mission of Plato Academy Charter Schools is to assist students in

achieving their full potential by requiring and nurturing high

academic and behavioral standards in a safe, supporting, challenging

and enthusiastic environment fostered by a commitment and cooperative

effort between the school, students, parents, and community."

**Our Goals for the year:**

* + To give your child the academic and social skills they need to progress to the next grade.
  + To provide a supportive and fun classroom environment.
  + To help your child make new friends and discover new interests.
  + To help your child build strong character & self-discipline.

**Conferences:**

Ms. Chandler and Mr. Russell will require a conference mid semester for students who have a C or lower in any subject. If you would like to schedule a conference at any other time please email either teacher.

**Plato Academy Website/Class Website:** <http://clearwater.platoacademy.net>

Please view these on a regular basis for upcoming events, important dates, what is going on at the school, forms, and to view the class website. We are transitioning to a new website program. More information on how to access that will be sent home to you as soon as we know the information and have them up and running. On the class website you will find information about homework, helpful websites, and information about 5th Grade events! Communication is the key to our success!

**Homework Policy:**

If your child does not turn in homework, they will be required to fill out a “No Homework” sheet in place of the homework. They will receive half credit up to 1 week late. No credit after 1 week from due date.

* Homework will not be issued on the weekends or holidays.
* Students with excused absences will have the same number of days as they were absent after returning to school to turn in missing assignments, including classwork/homework.
* Students with unexcused absences will be unable to make up missing homework or classwork.

**Reading and Social Studies Notebooks:**

Both reading and social studies notebooks will be required to be neat and in order. There will be a table of contents provided in the classroom. These notebooks are tools to assist both parents and students with nightly homework and studying. Also, these notebooks will be worth 10% of your final grade in class.

**School Computers:**

When using school computers, the student may only access approved websites and software that are relevant to the unit of study. The computer has settings pre-established and are not to be changed (backgrounds, screen savers, pointer, etc.) Misuse of the computer will result in an automatic Behavior Reflection sent home and possible loss of computer privileges.

**Grading:**

Science

Tests/Quizzes: 50%

Homework: 10%

Class Participation/Conduct: 10%

Projects: 15%

Class Work: 15%

Math

Tests/Quizzes: 50%

Homework: 15%

Class Participation/Conduct: 10%

Projects: 15%

Class Work: 15%

Reading/Social Studies

Tests/Quizzes: 50%

Homework: 15%

Class Participation/Conduct: 10%

Projects-15%

Class Work/Notebook-10%

**Grading Scale:**

1. 90-100%
2. 80-89%
3. 70-79%
4. 60-69%
5. 0-59%

**Attendance/Tardy:**

Please make sure your child is at school on time every day. If your child will be absent please email both teachers or call the school and let them know. In order for your child’s absence to be excused, you will need to provide a doctor’s note or a note explaining your child’s absence. Class starts promptly at 8:40 am. If you arrive to class later than 8:40 am, you will need to provide your homeroom teacher with a tardy slip from the front office. 3 tardies will be equivalent to 1 absence.

* Make-Up Work:
  + After an absence, a student must arrange with the teacher for any make-up work. Credit for make-up work may only be given for excused absences. The number of days allowed for make-up work shall be the same as the number of school days the student was absent.

**Classroom Behavior Rules and Policy:**

Please read the Student Handbook and abide by all rules and policies.

The 5th grade rules are as follows:

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Raise your hand for permission from your teacher to speak and/or get out of your seat.
3. Respect yourself and others. Keep hands, feet and all other belongings to yourself.
4. Treat others how you would want to be treated.
5. Try your best every day!

* A Behavior Form will be sent home if rules are not followed. It will need to be signed by parent/guardian.

**Birthdays/School Parties:**

**(Any food brought in by parents must be commercially prepared. No homemade food is allowed)**

* Birthdays
  + Parent and students who wish to celebrate birthdays at school can plan to celebrate during lunch in the gym and should include both classes for a total of 46 students. Please let your child’s home room teacher know in advance if you wish to celebrate during lunch.
    - Lunch will be from 11:40 – 12:10.
* School Parties
  + We will arrange classroom parties on certain days of the school year. Mr. Russell or Ms. Chandler will let each parent know when this party will be held and what can be brought in and/or if we need volunteers.

**Curriculum:**

Plato Academy Schools utilize Pearson textbooks and e-learning integration curriculum along with supplemental resources for our K-5 and McGraw-Hill textbooks and Pearson e-learning curriculum for grades 6-8, in addition to innovative teaching methods, and the Socratic method of teaching, our students gain a thorough command of reading, mathematics, science, writing, social studies, and language arts throughout their years at Plato Academy.

**Parent Information Forms:**

In this folder, you will find parent information forms that the office needs filled out as soon as possible. Please return to office or teacher at your earliest convenience. There is also a parent survey that we would like for you to fill out in order to gain information about your child and their needs for this year. We thank you in advance for taking the time to partner with us and fill it out.

**Volunteering:**

There will be numerous opportunities for parents to volunteer. More information on how you will be able to volunteer will be sent home throughout the year. Please ensure you have met all of the requirements, including being fingerprinted, to make the volunteering process as smooth as possible. Please see Mrs. K in the front office for more details.

**Field Trips:**

The students will participate in 4 field trips this year. We will need volunteers to drive and chaperone on these field trips. Permission forms, with information about locations, cost, etc. will be sent home for you to read and sign prior to any field trip.

As a parent of a 5th grader, I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the 5th grade syllabus, attendance policy, communication options, and the Student Handbook. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the syllabus and Student Handbook and understand that Ms. Chandler and Mr. Russell will refer to this syllabus and Student Handbook if any concerns or issues may arise. I also acknowledge that by signing this document, I agree to actively engage and guide my child and will help them adhere to this year’s policies.

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