

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year. Here is some information that will help you and your child adjust to 5th grade.

Communication: The students will be bringing home their planners and take home folders each day with a brief summary of the day's events and homework assignments. Please review the planner with your student daily and sign it. You may also use the planner to communicate any information to me!

In addition, I will email you a couple of times a month to keep you informed as to what is going on at school.

Curriculum: This year the district will continue with a word study program called Words Their Way and with Everyday Math.

Homework: Routine weekly math assignments will be sent home a couple of times a week. Please check your child's planner for homework assignments and due dates. Typically math homework will be due on the following morning. In addition, students should practice their Words Their Way word lists weekly.

Specials Schedule:

Day A 9:00-9:40 MUSIC
Day B 9:05-9:35 GUIDANCE/ Computer Lab
Day C 9:00-9:40 PE
Day D 9:15-9:45 Library
Day E 9:00-9:40 MUSIC
9:40-10:20 PE
Day F 9:00-10:00 ART
Afternoon Band Lessons

Attendance: If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the attendance line at 457-5103. Students are expected to arrive at school at 8:45 for the first bell and will be counted tardy after 8:55. On scheduled late start days, they should arrive at 9:45 and will be counted tardy after 10:00.

Snacks: Students are allowed to bring a healthy snack and a bottle of plain water. Birthday treats are welcome too!

This will be a year of transitions, but they are very exciting ones as our district continues to improve so that all children learn.

It is best to email me if you have any questions: pettitt@urbandaleschools.com

You may also call me at 457-5126 before 8:45 am or after 3:35 pm. I do not answer the classroom phone during the day while I am working with students. If you need to get a message your child during the school day, it is best to call the school office at 457-5100.

Thank you!
Mr. Pettit