

5th Grade News

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Welcome Back!

In this newsletter:

- What are 5th graders covering in Reading/ Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies?
- What's happening in 5th grade?
- Important dates to remember.
- Example prompt and rubric of a 5th Grade reading Brief Constructed Response (BCR)

Welcome back to Clarksburg and welcome to 5th grade. We are looking forward to a fun, exciting year. This is our first newsletter of the year. In this letter we will update you on any events or news happening in 5th grade. This newsletter is specific to 5th grade. Any events that are happening school wide can be found in the school newsletter.

We would like to express the importance of Back to School Night on September 10th. This is a time for you to learn about our curriculum and expectations for the school year. You will also be able to ask questions and sign up for a parent/ teacher conference that fits your schedule. We hope to see you on the 10th. We look forward to seeing everyone. Thank you for your support!



Sincerely,

5th Grade Team

Important Dates

No School—Labor Day	9/1
Back to School Night 7:00—9:00	9/10
Early Release	9/29
No School—Rosh Hashanah	9/30

Academic Update!

Why are we doing this? This is the question that most students ask themselves as they are working. By the end of the lessons they should be able to answer the questions below.

Reading/Language Arts/Writing:

How does thinking and reflecting about what I am reading help me become a better reader?
How does establishing reading goals and monitoring my reading habits help me improve as a reader?

What forms can I use to effectively communicate my ideas?
Where can I get ideas for my writing?

Social Studies

How do documents support the structure and function of government and why are they important?
What principles are expressed in the fundamental documents that define our form of government?

Science

How do we describe an object's change in motion?
What causes an object to change its motion?
How is energy identified in various mechanical systems?
How do humans use the stored energy from Earth's natural resources?

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