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5th Grade Newsletter

Wanless Elementary School

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Meet Mrs. Crumrine

My name is Mrs. Carrie Crumrine and I would like to welcome your child to Fifth Grade. This is my eleventh year of teaching fifth grade at Wanless Elementary, and my fifteenth year of teaching. I have lived in Springfield since 1999. I received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.

I am looking forward to getting to know both you, and your children, this year. Fifth grade students will achieve much this year in terms of academic growth, greater self-confidence, and improved social skills. Good communication between parent, teacher, and student is very important for your child's academic growth.

Homework Importance & Policy

I would like to briefly discuss my homework policy. Each student will receive a planner in which they will write down their homework assignments. Please check the planner each night and sign stating that your student has completed the above homework. On most nights, it should average between 30-60 minutes. Occasionally there will be no homework, and sometimes your child will have an opportunity to finish his or her homework in class.

Generally speaking, we have math and reading homework every night, spelling homework three to four nights a week, and writing, science or social studies homework once every week or so. On rare occasions, your child may have more than one hour of homework. Please let me know if you find that your child is regularly having more than one hour, because this indicates that we need to talk.

The purpose of homework is two-fold: to reinforce what we have learned in class, and to teach responsibility. A child who has completed homework is prepared, in class, to hear explanations of what he (or she) has had trouble with at home. A child without completed homework loses twice—both in learning through reinforcement, and in listening to explanations in class. I am also trying, in grade five, to help students develop good work habits for future years.

What Happens When Homework Isn't Done?

When a child arrives in class without completed homework, they will receive a noon hour detention and a homework mark. If students receive 3 or more homework marks in a month they will not be able to attend the monthly behavior reward.

Each evening, you can expect your child to arrive at home with his or her homework written in the planner. Each day, all assignments are written on a particular place, and at least five minutes are given toward the end of the day for students to copy this information into their planner. Please review this information daily with your child, as I may write notes home occasionally in this space. Also, please feel free to use the planner to write notes for me, as well. Together, we can help your child succeed positively at school.

Reading for Pleasure

I do encourage a great deal of independent reading for pleasure with my fifth grade students. Developing a love of reading is so important to a child's educational future, and I view reading **for pleasure** as a priority. We have a great selection of books, right in our own classroom. These books are of ALL reading levels.

Contact Information

For parents who use e-mail, I normally check my e-mail daily, and this is often the quickest, and most efficient way to get in touch with me, or to discuss any of your concerns. I will respond promptly. **Please feel free to e-mail me at any time** crumrine@springfield.k12.il.us. If you would like to call me, I am available between 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. You can reach me by calling 525-3272

If you have any special questions or concerns, don't hesitate to come in any time; or send me a note with your child in the morning, or by e-mail; or set up a conference.

I am looking forward to a great year with you and your child!

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Dates to
Remember:

- Aug. 23rd -
Open House
- Aug. 20rd - 24th
Early Dismissal
- Sept. 3 - No
School - Labor
Day
- Sept. 21st - No
School -
School
Improvement

Wanless Focus
Statement:

*I can
understand
what I read
and share my
own thoughts.*
