

Welcome



To Mrs. Johnson's 5th Grade Class!!!

I can't wait to meet all of my new students and get started on a new year of learning. I have some exciting new projects planned along with some great field trips and other fun adventures! I am happy to have you all in my class and feel lucky to have the opportunity to be your 5th grade teacher. See you in a couple days!!



Technology in the Classroom

Technology has become a powerful tool in our society. It is important in almost all aspects of education – not to mention the importance it has on the careers we choose and of everyday life. I have made a commitment to explore and examine this technology in my classroom. I will utilize all current software programs and have on-going projects that will strengthen the student's skills on: Computer file management, Word Processor, PowerPoint and Microsoft Word. I will also teach students safe Internet practices and how to utilize all that technology has to offer.

"When I do not know myself, I cannot know who my students are. I will see them through a glass darkly, in the shadows of my unexamined life—and when I cannot see them clearly, I cannot teach them well."

Parker Palmer



Some upcoming projects....

- Students will create a PowerPoint presentation to help with the understanding of our lessons in Science. Each student will be given a geographic location and give a presentation on wildlife, vegetation, climate and other interesting facts of the area.
- There will be a group project creating a newsletter for our class at the end of every month. It will be sent home for the parents to help keep them informed on what we have been learning and what is coming up!



I believe learning is a natural process and should be fun and engaging. If learning becomes a “chore” or students lose interest in the subjects I believe they will not be able to reach their full potential. If I do my best at providing an exciting environment and curriculum along with the right tools I

believe learning will happen naturally. Boise School District curricula have been constructed to reflect the Idaho Achievement Standards and I am committed to meeting these standards. With your help I hope to have a great year where all my students will become fully engaged in the learning process.

Example of Standards for 5th Grade Students

Literature Arts

- Read grade-level-appropriate text with fluency and accuracy from at least 150 correct words per minute (Hasbrouck & Tindal).
- Apply root words, prefixes and suffixes, derived from Greek and Latin to determine meaning of complex words (autograph, autobiography, biography, biology).

Math

- Instantly recall basic multiplication and division facts through 12's
- Estimate a reasonable sum, difference, product or quotient for a problem using whole numbers, decimals, or fractions.

Science

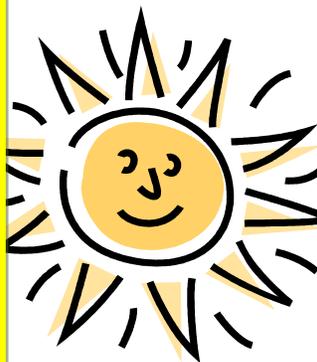
- Explore & use models to explain how theories work
- Use observations and data as evidence on which to base scientific explanations and predictions.

CLASS IN SESSION!!

Supplies needed for the school year:

- Box of #2 pencils
- Box of colored pencils
- (6) spiral notebooks
- (2) three ring binders
- Journal (any notebook will work for this)

If anyone has trouble acquiring the needed materials just let me know. I have plenty extras!!!



Each day we will begin with morning yoga stretches and quiet reflection time. I also like to end each day with a reflection circle to discuss openly what we learned during the day and other events that may be going on with the students.

