

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE

August 21, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to welcome you back to what will be an awesome year at Page Elementary. This will be my twenty-fourth year at Thornapple Kellogg, and I'm really looking forward to a great year with my new fifth graders!

This year promises to be an exciting and challenging one as your child continues to grow socially and academically. My philosophy is that every student is capable of learning, and you will find that my expectations for academic standards and conduct are high. At the same time I realize that not all students learn in the same way, or at the same pace. I will make every effort to accommodate your child's learning style within our classroom and provide them with strategies to help them succeed. In return, I expect each student to put forth his or her personal best and work cooperatively within our classroom community.

During the first two weeks of school we will be going over classroom and building procedures and expectations. A digital copy of my parent "Survival Guide" can be found on my website www.mrsmichalski.weebly.com. This document explains classroom procedures and discipline plan, grading policies, homework expectations, and a plethora of other useful info. Please use it as a reference throughout the year. If you would like a hard copy, please send a note in your child's planner and I will gladly send one home. The Page Elementary Parent/Student Handbook can be found on our school website; please make sure you and your child are familiar with the contents. I will keep you informed about your child's progress throughout the year with notes home, student planners, and Thursday Folders/Envelopes.

Because you know your child better than anyone else, I have attached an "Introducing Your Child" questionnaire. This will be a useful resource as I get to know your child and their unique personalities. Please feel free to share any information that you feel will be helpful and return it at your earliest convenience.

This year our specials are from 2:30 - 3:10 p.m. daily. For the first half of the year, we will have P.E. on Monday and Wednesday and Art on Tuesday and Friday. We will write reminders in our planners, but it might be helpful to keep a pair of gym shoes at school just in case. In January we will be adding Music to our specials on Tuesday and Friday and Art will shift to Thursday and Friday from 3:10 - 3:50. Students will also visit the Page Library every Thursday from 1:15 - 1:55 p.m.

We have morning recess from 10:40 - 11:00 a.m. and our lunch is from 11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. For now, I have scheduled 10 minutes for an AM and PM snack. Please make sure that your child has a **healthy** snack or two to help them fuel up. Water bottles are highly encouraged in our classroom!

Below is a list of recommended supplies (this is repeated from the newsletter you should have received via email):

1 ONE INCH, 3-ring binder (anything larger than one inch will not fit in our desks)

4 - 5 different pocket folders (one for each subject)

1 one-subject spiral notebook (70-100 page, wide-ruled are best)

1 pencil bin/supply container

Scissors

Ruler (marked with inches and centimeters)

1 set of colored pencils and/or thin markers

Highlighter

Pencils and erasers

Glue or glue stick

2 or 3 dry erase markers

One orphaned sock (to be used as a whiteboard eraser)

1 pack of 3 x 3 post-it notes

Personal set of headphones to be kept at school

Students will also need paper and pencils on hand at home and may also bring these to school as the need arises.

*****Reminder: no Trapper-Keepers or large binders - they don't fit in our desks. Also, please resist the temptation to send your student with extra supplies/goodies that aren't on this list. Our desks become overloaded easily!*****

In our classroom we have a community candy jar, which is used for rewards and incentives throughout the year. We would appreciate any donations to help fill it!! Thank you in advance for your help with this!

Housekeeping Reminders:

~If you are in the building for any reason, please remember to check in at the office.

~Please remember to report all absences to the school office at 269-795-7944.

~Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home each day.

~I can be reached at 269-795-5400 extension 4531. If you call during school hours you will need to leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.

~The easiest and often quickest way to reach me is through email: tmichalski@tkschools.org.

I check my email a couple of times each day.

Again, I look forward to partnering with you to make this a wonderful year for your child.

Sincerely,

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