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Classroom Library

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It was great to meet so many students and parents at Open House last Friday. The parents I met are very involved with their child's education. I was pleased to see that many parents signed up to volunteer, too. I know we are going to have a wonderfully successful year!

classroom, it was a challenge to get everything done before Open House! The classroom library is a precious resource in our classroom and I wanted to take the time to ensure it was setup properly instead of just putting books in the baskets without thought.

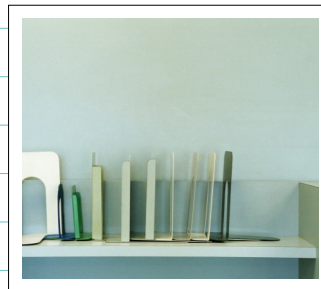
please let me know. The process is easy but will take a while. This is one project that will benefit the entire class as well as future classes.

Encore Schedule

- 9/3: Day 1—Music
- 9/4: Day 2—PE
- 9/5: Day 3—Library
- 9/6: Day 4—PE
- 9/9: Day 5—Art
- 9/10: Day 1—Music
- 9/11: Day 2—PE
- 9/12: Day 3—Library
- 9/13: Day 4—PE

Due to the renovations that took place in our school this summer, I was not able to finish setting up our classroom library. Many of you may have noticed that the classroom library still had books in boxes. With only a day and a half to move in and arrange furniture, unpack boxes, and setup the

Since I am new to 5th grade, my classroom library is starting at square one. All the books I have acquired over the summer and from other 5th grade teachers need to be sorted and then labeled by reading levels and genres. This is going to take some time! If you are able to volunteer time to help label the books,



HELP WANTED!

PAW PRIDE Assembly

Friday, Sept. 6 10 am



Classroom Websites

We have three classroom websites. All are accessible from home. If your child does not have access at home, he/she will be given time to access during the school day.

Classroom Websites:

- <http://mrsbryant5thgrade.weebly.com/> - classroom information, newsletters, homework, word study, link to class blog site. No login required.
- <http://kidblog.org/MrsBryantsClass-9/> - class blog site. Students comment on general questions and post a book blog once a month. Login is your first name (nickname if given) and the password is your student ID #.
- <http://www.classdojo.com/> - This is our classroom behavior management site. It is a fun way to track our PAW PRIDE! Login info coming home on Wed.

School Supplies

It is very important that your child have his/her school supplies as soon as possible. We start working on the first day. If you need assistance with school supplies, please contact Mrs. DeLoach, our guidance counselor. She can be reached at 898-1433.

Extra supplies (glue sticks, pencils, etc.) will be placed in a Ziploc bag with your child's name. A note will be written in your child's agenda if he/she needs more supplies.

- 30 glue sticks
- 2 dozen #2 pencils (**no mechanical pencils**)
- 1 large pencil bag with zipper
- 1 packages of wide-ruled notebook paper (200 sheets)
- 2 large boxes of tissues
- 1 pair of Fiskar scissors
- 2 highlighters
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 2 marble composition books
- 1 pack thin-tipped, dry erase markers - **bullet-tipped; not chisel-tipped**
- 3, 3-subject, college ruled MEAD notebooks (for science, reading, and math)
- 2, 1-subject notebooks



Tools for **SUCCESS!**

Classroom Supplies Needed

It seems with each school year the supply list gets longer and costs more! The fifth grade team is well aware of this so we left off items that would be shared as a class. Here are some items that I would greatly appreciate.

- ⇒ Large hand sanitizer
- ⇒ Gallon ziplog bags
- ⇒ Quart ziplog bags
- ⇒ Sandwich ziplog bags
- ⇒ Post-it notes; any size
- ⇒ Extra pencils
- ⇒ Extra colored pencils
- ⇒ Extra glue sticks

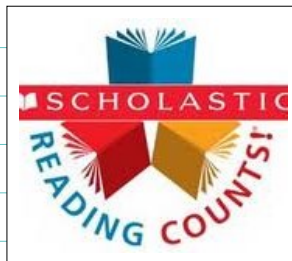


THANK YOU!

Scholastic Parent Home Volunteer

Our class will use Scholastic News for improving non-fiction skills and comprehension. These monthly magazines come in bundles that need to be separated.

We will also participate in the Scholastic Reading



Reading helps us explore our world

Club, which is the new name for the Scholastic Book Order. These order forms also arrive in bundles that need to be separated.

These tasks can be done at home. I will put together the bundles along with

the necessary supplies needed to sort them. If this is a task that you are interested in doing each month, please let me know.

Interactive Notebooks

On the supply list are three 3-subject notebooks. These notebooks will be used for interactive notebooks in math, history, and science. The school provides a 4th notebook which will be used for reading.

We will start using these notebooks on the first day of school. The first assignment will be to create a cover for each notebook based on certain requirements. Once the covers are created, they will be taped to the front of the notebooks with clear packing tape. This will create a unique notebook for each student.

Covering the notebooks takes a lot of tape and time! I am asking for donations of clear packing tape as well as volunteers to help with this project. We have 24 students with 4 notebooks each to be covered! Please let me know if you are interested in assisting. If you can donate clear packing tape, please send in the form located on the last page.



General Classroom Help

As a new 5th grade teacher, I have many items to create for the classroom. This means many, many items that will be laminated. I will need assistance with cutting out the laminated items as well as making them ready for placement in the classroom. If you can assist with this on-going project, please let me know.



Science Demonstration on Friday!

Our first unit in science is understanding scientific investigations. This is a refresher to help students remember the steps in the scientific method. We will have a demonstration of an experiment on Friday. For this demonstration, I will need 2 liters of regular soda and diet soda. These can be store brand. I will also need some Mentos candy. If you are able to donate these

items, please see the form on the last page to denote your selection. Do not send anything until you get confirmation from me so that we get only the amount we need. The form needs to be returned by Wednesday.



What We Are Learning This Week:

Language Arts:

- Introduce and setup up Reading Notebooks
- Read Aloud: First Day Jitters; focus: surprise endings
- Read Aloud: There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom; focus: making predictions, visualization, making connections (to text, to self, to world)

Writing:

- Introduce Quick Write and writing for fluency
- County Writing Prompt

Math:

- Setup Math Notebooks
- Create Math Facts Folder
- Pre-assessments for math facts (multiplication)

History (w/Mrs. Sanchez)

- Setup History Notebooks
- Continents and oceans

Science:

- Setup Science Notebooks
- Scientific Method



Volunteer and Donation Request Form

Child's Name: _____

Your name: _____ (please print)

Email or phone: _____

I can help with:

- Classroom library
- Scholastic Home Volunteer
- Covering notebooks
- Cutting/preparing laminated items

**If you are able to help,
please clip out form
and return by
Wednesday, Sept 8th.**

I can donate:

- 1 2-liter bottle of regular soda
- 1 2-liter bottle of diet soda
- Package of Mentos candies
- Clear packing tape