

5th Grade Math and Science

Ms. Sabini

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome you and your child to 5th grade at Cornwall Central Middle School! I am extremely excited that I will be your child's teacher for both Math and Science.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS as a TEAM

WE are a TEAM
WE are POSITIVE
WE RESPECT each other
WE TRY our best
WE are KIND
WE are HONEST
WE WORK HARD
WE LISTEN to each other
WE ENCOURAGE each other
WE ARE ALL IMPORTANT!

It is our expectation that each student is prepared for class and ready to learn everyday. It is important that all students respect their right and others' right to learn. It is an expectation that students try their best on all tasks while recognizing their strengths and improving other skills. We foster the ability to develop independence while transitioning from elementary school to middle school. Our classrooms are places where students should feel safe, free to ask questions and explore ideas with confidence!

Math

Our 5th grade Math curriculum at the Middle School is "Go Math". Students will receive a Go Math Book accompanied with bulk packets for each Chapter we cover. Both the Go Math book and bulk packets will be needed at home and in school each day. We will cover **Place Value, Decimals + Fractions, Adding/Subtracting/Multiplying/Dividing Fractions, Volume + Area, and Problem Solving + Coordinate Planes**. In Math, we focus on not only procedural learning but also a **conceptual understanding** along with **problem solving skills**. Your child will be able to **think critically** throughout the school year during Math class. Your child will be completing **supplemental worksheets, packets, and an Interactive Math Notebook** all to help **practice and enhance** their Math skills.

Science

Students will have Science, **every other day**. The Science curriculum is **Smithsonian Carolina Science** and covers **Physical, Life, Earth and Space, and Engineering Design**. Your child will have a "Special" called **STEAM**. STEAM is a course to help students further your child's knowledge in both **Math and Science**. STEAM stands for **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math**.

Grading Policy

On our 5th grade team, we follow a point-based system to aid in the transition from elementary school grading (1-4) to traditional middle school grading. Each assignment is graded by "points earned" compared to "points available". Classwork, homework, projects, and assessments are all items that may be graded. These points range from 10 to 100 depending on the assignment. Example- A classwork assignment might be 10 points where as a quiz can be 15-40 points. Grades can be viewed live on School Tool.

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CONTACT & COMMUNICATION

On our team, we believe that student learning is enhanced when parents/guardians work together with teachers to ensure all needs are met. Communication is extremely important and we will always be here to listen and assist!

Please feel free to always reach out to me with **ANY** questions or concerns. The quickest way to reach me is through email. Phone calls, notes, and meetings (whether virtual or in person) are also encouraged available methods of contact if needed.

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I can be reached at the email above. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout this school year!

THANK YOU,

Samantha Sabini