August 25, 2017

Dear 5th Grade Families,

I hope you had a great summer and are ready for another fantastic year! In this letter I have included some information about me, this year and what to expect over the next 176 (school) days.

**About me:** This will be my 10th year teaching where 8 of those years have been in 5th grade. I LOVE this grade as we have so much fun and get to do so many things other grades don’t get to! I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio where I lived until I was 20. Then I moved to Wilmington to finish my college degree in education. I couldn’t resist the beach! I moved to Charlotte in 2008 to begin my teaching journey. I have been with CMS 8 of my 9 years. I spent a year with Chesterbook Academy but found I felt more at home with public schools. In CMS, I have taught at Windsor Park, River Gate, and now McKee. I love it here and am very excited for another great year with a great class! (There’s more about me on my website: mrsgrice5thgrade.weebly.com)

**About this year:** I have some really exciting news!!!! My husband and I have expanded our family by one! Our baby girl, Norah, has joined the Grice family and we are beyond excited and honored to be parents. As much as I HATE missing the beginning of the year with you (this is one of my most favorite times of the year) I need some time home with our new baby. I will return to school on October 23, excited and ready to be back!

**The next 176 (school) days:** These days will be FILLED with lots of learning, projects, creativity, and, dare I say it, testing. We are going to be working as a homeroom all day every day. I will be teaching all subjects this year, so your child will NOT be switching classes. I am so excited to have my homeroom all day to really get to know each of you as individuals and students in all areas. The past few years I have been teaching Reading, Writing, and Social Studies, but have successfully taught Math and Science in 5th grade in the past. In the first quarter, expect MAP testing, Reading level testing, and a few cycle assessments. Cycle assessments will happen throughout the year often. They are like end of unit tests based on what we’ve been working on in class. MAP testing is district wide and is not based on what we have learned, but what your child already knows. The questions are random and generally get harder as they answer correctly. This gives a scale score and will be compared to the district expectation for 5th graders. This test is given three times (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Reading level testing is based on words correctly read and comprehension of the text given. Reading levels are then used to determine the level of books your child should be reading. Beginning of 5th grade expectation is an S and the end of 5th is a U. For example if Sally scores a T on her beginning of the year test, she will be reading books that range from S-U (one letter before and one letter after her score). Sally will get tested again in the winter (usually January) with a T passage to see if she has grown to a U. If she has, then she will move to a T-V range of books. In other grades, reading level testing is done a third time in the spring, but in 5th grade, we do not test a third time. Most middle schools do not require or expect a score from us, so we decided to get rid of one test at the end of the year since we will have a Science EOG now!

I hope this answers any questions/concerns you have for this year. I am SO excited to return in October and get to know you all and make for an amazing 5th grade year for all of us!

Sincerely,

5th Grade

Mrsgrice5thgrade.weebly.com

**Mrs. Grice's 2017-2018
Homeroom Schedule:**

7:15-7:45 Arrive at school/morning work
7:45-8:00 Morning news/JAMM
8:00- 9:00 Science
9:00-9:50 Specials
10:00 - 10:20 Word Study
10:20-10:50 Writing/Social Studies
10:50-12:10 Reading
12:15-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:15 Recess
1:20-2:40 Math
​2:40 Dismissal

**2017 –2018 McKee Road Elementary School Supply List 5th Grade**

* 1 pack lined wide ruled notebook paper
* 2 pack small glue sticks
* 1 pack 3x3 sticky notes
* 1 pack Expo dry erase markers (4 different colors)
* 4 highlighters
* 2 -24 packs #2 sharpened pencils
* 2 pack of colored pens
* 1 pack of colored pencils
* 1 pair of scissors
* 2 pink erasers
* 1 -5 subject notebook for science (with pocket dividers)
* 1 -3 subject notebook for reading (with pocket dividers)
* 1 composition notebook for writing
* 3-1 subject notebooks for Math, Social Studies, and Word Work
* 1 soft zippered pencil pouch

Extra Supplies:

* 2 boxes of tissues
* 1 tub Clorox wipes (girls)
* 1 extra box of tissues (boys)