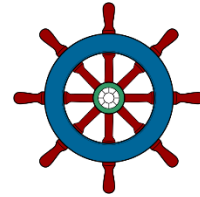


5th Grade Gifted
Math/Science/Social Studies
Ms. Collier



I warmly welcome you to your 2019-2020 5th Grade Gifted school year. I hope your summer break was enjoyable, relaxing, and of course, enriched. I am excited to have you in my class and look forward to getting to know you.

A major goal in our gifted program will be to instill the love of learning and provide enjoyable and enriching experiences. In addition, I will prepare students for the upcoming important district and state assessments, while continuing critical and creative thinking activities. Texts and materials have been selected to achieve these goals.

Students will be responsible for keeping all completed work in their binder and sharing it with you. This way you can discuss and celebrate their successes and offer suggestions for improvement, if needed. Homework will be assigned daily, reviewed, and checked. Homework is important because it provides an opportunity for students to reinforce skills they have been taught. From these grades, we will determine academic and/or effort grades for the period. Throughout the year, you will receive a bi-weekly email with a reminder to look through and discuss your child's binder along with a newsletter to inform you of upcoming news and events in our classroom and school. This bi-weekly student-parent "Check-Up" serves as one additional way of keeping everyone informed. Please reply to the emails to indicate that the "Check-Up" has been completed.

Please make note of the grading scale and the assessment weights below:

GRADES

Letter Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Percentages (100 point scale)	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	59-0

ASSESSMENT WEIGHTS

- 35% - Tests
- 25% - Classwork
- 15% - Projects, Labs, and Quizzes
- 15% - Participation
- 10% - Homework

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. I look forward to a fantastic year!