

XCS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Xenia Preschool

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Principal: Jennifer Statzer

2018-2019 IMPORTANT DATES

August 16.....Open House
August 20First day for students
September 3.....Labor Day – No School
September 20.....Interim Reports home
September 21....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
October 18.....End of 1st Grading Period
October 19.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
November 16.....Interim Reports home
November 19.....K-12 Parent-Teacher
Conference Day –
No School
Nov. 20-23.....Thanksgiving Break –
No School
December 21....End of 2nd Grading Period
Dec. 24-Jan. 4...Winter Break – No School
January 7.....Return from Winter Break
January 21.....Dr. M.L. King Day –
No School
February 1.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
February 14.....Interim Reports home
February 15.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School (XHS in Session)
February 18.....Presidents' Day – No School
March 22.....End of 3rd Grading Period
March 25-29.....Spring Break – No School
April 19.....Good Friday—No School
May 3.....Interim Reports Go home
May 17.....Teachers' Work Day –
No School
May 23.....Last Day for Seniors
May 29.....High School Graduation
May 30.....End of 4th Grading Period –
Students' Last Day of School
May 31.....Teacher Work Day



A Family Guide To Student Success 5th Grade

This guide provides an overview of important information to help you and your child have a successful Fifth Grade year!*



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ACADEMIC STANDARDS set clear and consistent expectations for students, parents, and teachers; build your child's knowledge and skills; and set high goals for all students. This guide includes...

- Key things your child will learn in English/Literacy and Mathematics
- Suggestions for you to help your child
- Topics to discuss with your child's teacher .

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD BE SUCCESSFUL IN FIFTH GRADE?

- Invite your child to read his/her writing out loud to you and other family members.
- Discuss your family stories and history. Encourage your child to ask relatives questions about their lives. Tell family stories as poems or short stories.
- Discuss the way actors bring words to life in their performances.
- Share real-life math experiences with decimals - balancing a checkbook.

GET INVOLVED AT SCHOOL

by volunteering, attending PTO meetings and family night events, and talking to your child's teacher about ways you can help!

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WHEN TALKING TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER:

- Reading closely and drawing evidence from grade-level fiction and nonfiction materials, including the ability to quote accurately from text when answering questions.
- Multiplying/dividing fractions, solving related word problems.
- Decimals [concepts and arithmetic]
- Volume [concepts and problem-solving]
- Ask to see samples of your child's work.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERACY

Your child will read widely and deeply from a range of challenging fiction and nonfiction texts from diverse cultures and time periods. Your child will write stories or essays that are several paragraphs long.

A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN...

- Summarizing the key details of stories, dramas, poems, and nonfiction materials, including their themes or main ideas.
- Identifying and judging evidence that supports particular ideas in an author's argument to change a reader's point of view.
- Writing opinions that offer reasoned arguments and provide facts and examples to support the writer's point of view.
- Writing stories, real or imaginary, that develop the plot with dialogue, description, and effective pacing of the action.
- Coming to class prepared and engaging fully and thoughtfully with others.
- Expanding, combining, and reducing sentences to improve meaning, interest, and style of writing.
- Building knowledge of academic words with an emphasis on those that signal a contrast in ideals or relationships, e.g., *on the other hand*, *similarly*, and *therefore*.
- Producing writing on the computer.



SCIENCE – Developing an understanding of fundamental concepts in earth and space science, life science, and physical science is the primary focus of 5th grade science. Students will study cycles and patterns in the solar system, light, sound and motion, and interactions within ecosystems and

participate in many hands-on, interactive science experiments and activities to further and deepen their understandings of these key concepts.



MATHEMATICS

Fifth grade is a pivot point for students. To prepare for algebra in middle school, students must have an understanding of fractional arithmetic. Because of this, multiplying and dividing fractions become a major focus.



A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN...

- Adding/subtracting fractions with unlike denominators (e.g., $2 \frac{1}{4} - 1 \frac{1}{2}$), and solving word problems of this kind.
- Multiplying/dividing fractions and solving related word problems (e.g., how many $\frac{1}{3}$ -cup servings are in 2 cups of raisins).
- Calculating with decimals to the hundredths place (two places after the decimal).
- Multiplying/dividing whole numbers quickly and accurately (e.g., $1,638 \times 753$, dividing $6,971$ by 63).
- Understanding the concept of volume, and solving word problems that involve volume.
- Graphing points on the coordinate plane (2-dimensions) to solve problems.

TECHNOLOGY – To build keyboarding, research, and design skills and to prepare our students for STEM opportunities at Warner Middle School, our students receive instruction in weekly Digital Literacy (DL) classes throughout the school year. Topics addressed in DL classes include Creativity and Innovation, Communication and Collaboration, Research and Information Fluency, Critical Thinking/Problem Solving/Decision Making, Digital Citizenship, and Technology Operations and Concepts. Students use Chrome Books and related technology to complete class assignments in all subject and content areas. In addition, students learn to create original works, use software programs for problem solving and decision making, and program "robots" using kid-friendly block code.

