

## Welcome to 5th Grade!

Mrs. Loftis

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I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning for your student! Our learning materials are the CKLA program for English/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, and Pearson Math. Your support at home is crucial in order for your child to be their most successful self while in our classroom.

### **About Me**

This is my 20th year (!) teaching. I have a BA in Elementary Education, an MA in Reading, and an Endorsement in CLD Learners (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse). I really do love learning! I have experience teaching 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 8th grade. I have three daughters who have attended BCCS since Kindergarten. When I'm not at school, I like to read, spend time with my family, and hang out with my dog, Millie.

### **Homework**

Your child will have homework every weeknight, as well as occasional home projects. Reading is required homework every night and may include: an AR book, a just-for-fun book, a textbook, science/social studies notes, etc. An additional 30-60 minutes of homework is typical in 5th grade. This will include nightly math homework unless it was a test day. I also highly encourage your child to practice their multiplication/division facts to ensure memorization.

Homework is due the following school day and must be turned in complete and on time to receive full credit. Students may be kept in at recess and/or after school as needed if homework has not been completed on time. Late work will be accepted if it is no more than one day late and will receive a maximum grade of 50%. If your child is absent, school policy is to allow two days for every day of absence.

Good study habits developed now will help students to become responsible for their own academic success!

### **Planners**

Is it the student's responsibility to fill out their planner daily for homework and school/class events. Please check and sign this nightly.

### **Grades**

Your student's grades may be checked through Infinite Campus, which can be found through the BCCS website. Please contact the front office if you need help with this. Extra credit will only be offered to all students and on a limited basis.

## **Communication**

Daily homework assignments and homework projects can be found on my SchoolNotes page or in your student's planner. Please sign up for SchoolNotes updates ASAP (website at bottom).

SchoolNotes will be updated once a week and you will be notified via email from SchoolNotes when there's an update. Please take the time to check it. Thursday folders are sent home each week.

Please go through the work with your child and send the folder back the next school day. Email or a note in your child's planner are the fastest ways to reach me. Please contact the office with any emergencies or changes for after-school pickup.

If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or your child's planner.

Thank you in advance for your support at home. I know we will have a terrific year together!

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