



Mrs. Freeman's 5th Grade Curriculum Night 2023-2024

Contact Information

- Please feel free to contact me at any time:
vfreeman@valleyacademy.com. An e-mail or a note in the planner is preferable.
- Class web page: linked through school website or 5freeman.weebly.com

Student Planner

- Students are responsible for accurately recording assignments each day
- Parents should sign planner each night M-Th indicating that they have seen their child's completed homework – if homework is incomplete, planner should not be signed
- Planner not signed and/or homework not completed results in a signature on the homework card
- May be used for quick communication between parents and teacher
- Tests/Quizzes/Due dates for the week are always written in red

Weekly Newsletter

- E-mailed, hard copy in weekly folder, and may be found on class web page
- Includes important dates within the classroom and campus wide
- Overview of academics for the week

Weekly Folder

- Sent home every Monday
- Contains graded work/tests from previous week, newsletter, and other communication
- Number of papers below 75% indicated on signature sheet
- Please remove graded papers, sign on dated line, and return by Wednesday

Missing/Late Work

- Homework is due first thing in the morning
- If homework is not complete, students go to Opportunity Club during recess to complete the assignment; grade is automatically dropped to a maximum score of 65% per Valley Academy policy
- Homework card is signed
- Students that are absent have one day for each day they are absent to complete make-up work

Book Reports

- Students will choose a different type of fiction book (mystery, fantasy, adventure, etc.) each quarter
- Books must be on the school's recommended reading list for 5th grade or higher and approved by both parent and teacher
- Books for first quarter must be read and graphic organizer completed by September 8th
- 1st Quarter Book report due on September 26th
- 2nd quarter will be historical fiction / 3rd quarter will be State Research Project / 4th quarter will be a literary analysis

Responsibility Cards

- Missing/incomplete/left at home homework or unsigned planner results in signature on homework card
- Behavior issues result in signature on responsibility card
- Every 3 signatures on homework or responsibility card result in a detention (not combined)

Grading Policies/ParentVue

- Generally anything with a percentage on it is recorded in the grade book
- Papers with incomplete headings lose 5%; no name loses 10%
- ½ off for misspelled words when a word bank is provided or they are common words
- Corrected study guides are turned in for homework grade (includes Saxon math test form A)
- Parents are encouraged to use ParentVue to stay informed about their child's grades

Curriculum

- Spalding/Spelling
 - Students are held accountable for neat and accurate Spalding notebooks
 - Students are tested on 40 new words and 10 review words per week
 - Spelling packets will be used each week – received on Monday, due on Friday
- Language/Writing
 - *Easy Grammar* - parts of speech, punctuation, types of sentences
 - *Grammar and Writing 5* – writing skills for sentences, paragraphs, and essays
 - 6 Traits are emphasized for all types of writing
- Reading
 - Using basal reader for Tall Tales, Legends, Folk Tales, and Mythology
 - Novel studies – *Johnny Tremain* and *Tuck Everlasting*
 - Analyze different types of literature and attributes of quality literature
 - Required reading of 600 pages per quarter – books are not required to be from list
 - Monthly memory piece recitation due by Thursday of the first full week of each month
- Math
 - Timed fact tests – monthly assessments count as assignment grade; quarterly as quiz grade
 - Saxon text with supplemental worksheets to meet state standards
 - *Buckle Down Math*
 - All math work must be neat, completed in pencil, all work shown, and be labeled appropriately
- Social Studies
 - American history from Pre-Revolutionary War to Industrialism
 - U.S. Geography including location, capital, and abbreviations for each state (studied by region)
 - Economics
 - State report after first of year, will be taught in class
- Science
 - Life science – Cells, Body Systems; Solar System; Forces; Electricity
 - Science demonstrations/labs

General Reminders for Student Success

- Always answer questions by restating the question in the response
- Write in complete sentences in cursive with correct spelling and punctuation
- Proper heading on every paper
- Keep focused as we have a fast tempo in the classroom
- Complete and turn in all assigned work on time
- Personal responsibility is the name of the game!

Campus Reminders

Pick up – must have parent ID, placard, or sticker from office

- Keep placard visible until child is in car
- Please do not park in neighborhood or in business parking lots on 15th Lane

I am looking forward to a great year! Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time, as I will be happy to schedule a time to meet with you to discuss your child's individual needs.

Mrs. Freeman