



Dorothy Smith Pullen  
Elementary School  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2019-2020

# WELCOME TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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- ❖ **Mr. Braden**
- ❖ **Mrs. Bridges**
- ❖ **Mrs. Wilson**

# Teachers and Subjects

## ❖ **Mr. Braden-**

- ❖ **Science**
- ❖ **American History**

## ❖ **Mrs. Wilson**

- ❖ **Math**

## ❖ **Mrs. Bridges-**

- ❖ **Writing**
- ❖ **Reading**

# A.M. Procedures

- School opens at 7:15
- Morning options for students who arrive before 7:35 are Gym, Computer Lab, Study Hall/Homework Help, Maker Space, Clubs, and Tutoring
- Bell to release students rings at 7:45

# Attendance

- Students are expected to be in their seat prepared to learn at the 8:00 bell.
- Students cannot miss more than 10% (excused or unexcused) of school to be in compliance with attendance laws.
- A note must be submitted to the office for an absence to be counted as excused. Family vacations will not be excused. Absences due to illness, doctor visits, funerals will be excused along with other RISD approved reasons.

# Lunch

- It is always a treat for a parent to come eat with their child. 😊 Therefore, Pullen has designated a special table up on stage for you and your child to share your time together.
- Café Procedures – Student are not allowed to get up from tables after they sit down. Students will take a bathroom break before lunch and get everything they need before they sit down.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade lunch is 12:45-1:15

# Tutoring



- Tutoring will be available by invitation. Tutoring schedules will be sent home soon.

# Cooperative Learning

- Parent Communication is crucial. Parent involvement is key to student learning, success and enjoyment. We welcome parent support and participation in learning.
- Parents will be informed through:
  - Daily Panther Folder (Purple Folder)-check and clean out the important paper pocket daily
  - Pullen Connection emails
  - Agenda
  - Emails from teachers
  - And of course, the amazing 5<sup>th</sup> graders, themselves.



# Purple Folder

- Each student carries a purple folder with them.
- If a child receives a mark in class, it will be documented in their purple folder. Please sign the bottom of the sheet every Thursday and initial if your child receives a mark.
- If they receive a mark in a specials class, it will be documented on a new Specials form which will be placed in their purple folder.

# Rockwall ISD Grading Policy

## Communication

- Family Access - Electronic Gradebook (Skyward)
  - online
  - App
- Teachers enter grades at least weekly
- Progress reports available at approximately the midpoint of each grading period
- Report cards issued each 9 weeks
- Stay in contact with your child's teacher



# Formative Assessment

- Formative assessment includes a variety of formats such as, but not limited to:
  - Daily practice
  - Class discussions
  - Teacher observations
  - Classroom assignments
  - Classroom presentations
  - Homework
  - Quizzes
  
- Elementary students will have at least nine (9) recorded formative assessment grades during the nine week grading period. ELAR will be one grade this year and it will include eight (8) formative grades with at least 2 of those being writing grades and 3 summative with at least 1 being from a writing summative assessment.

# Formative Assessment cont.

- Students will be allowed to redo 3 formative assessments per subject per term within a reasonable time. The teacher may allow the student to redo the assignment, make corrections on the same assignment, or complete an alternative assignment.

# Summative Assessment

- Summative assessments include a variety of formats such as, but not limited to:
  - Tests
  - Projects
  - Major presentations
  - Major papers
  - District assessment
  
- Elementary students will have at least three (3) summative assessment grades during the nine week grading period.

# Summative Assessment cont.

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- Students who score below 85% on a summative assessment are allowed to retest. The higher of the two scores will be the recorded grade up to an 85.

# Grade Calculations



- Formative grades represent **50%** of the nine weeks grade.
- Summative grades represent **50%** of the nine weeks grade.

# Late Work

- Late work is defined as any assignment that is not turned in at the time and date designated by the teacher when the student is present.
- Late work will be accepted the following school day with 10 points deducted.
  - Late Day 1: 10 points off
  - Late Day 2: 25 points off
  - Late Day 3: 50 points off
  - Late Day 4: 100 points off



# Make-up Work

- When a student is absent from class, it is the student's responsibility to make up work. Students will be allowed the amount of time equal to the number of days absent to complete make-up work. **However, if the student is aware of an assignment/project/exam deadline, and has received the necessary instruction before the absence occurs, the assignment or exam is due upon the student's return to school.**

# 5<sup>th</sup> graders take STAAR tests in:

- Mathematics – April 7
- Reading – April 8
- Science – May 14
- If students are not successful on their first attempt then they will retake it up to 2 more times.
- These tests are not part of the student's grade, but one piece of the pie in determining promotion to the next grade.
- BENCHMARKS..(or practice) tests in each of these subjects occur prior to the STAAR tests to find areas in need of improvement.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Pine Cove Camp

- Where: Tyler, Texas
- When: October 28-30
- Cost: **Student \$180**  
**Chaperone \$80**
- Payments can be made online or check at the front office. Information will be sent soon with instructions how to pay online.
- We will need chaperones so please consider this fun opportunity to attend camp with your 5<sup>th</sup> grader and their friends. A background check must be complete in the office before you may attend as a chaperone.
- As soon as we get more information from Pine Cove we will pass it along to you!

# Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

As we:

Work  
with the  
leaders

of  
Pullen!

- We are looking forward to a great year!

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