



Welcome to 5th grade!

Mr. VanStratt - ELA/Social Studies

Mrs. Montie - Math/Science

Our TSFES Guidelines for Success

- **T - Think Responsibly**
- **S - Show Respect**
- **F - Focus on Learning**
- **E - Expect the Best**
- **S - Safety First**



Daily Schedule

- **70 minutes Math**
- **55 minutes Science**
- **135 minutes ELA (Reading and Writing)**
- **10:20AM -11:05AM**
- **Specials (P.E., Music, Art)**
- **11:10AM -11:40 PM Lunch**
- **20 minutes of Recess (11:43- 12:03)**
- ***5th grade Gifted students meet with Mrs. Santagata Wednesdays**





Reading and Writing

- **Our goal is to teach the students to be successful in reading and writing by implementing strategies, organizing thoughts, and practicing skills.**
- **Emphasis on increasing comprehension, fluency, and building stamina while independent reading.**
- **Students will be expected to write various types of essays including: Narrative, Expository, and Argumentative.**
- **Monthly ISIP Testing on Amira**



5th Grade

Title	Author
"I, Too"	Hughes, Langston
"If"	Kipling, Rudyard
"Paul Revere's Ride"	Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth
"The Road Not Taken"	Frost, Robert
<i>Abuelita's Heart</i>	Cordova, Amy
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Montgomery, L.M.
<i>Call it Courage</i>	Sperry, Armstrong
<i>Call Me Maria</i>	Cofer, Judith Ortiz
<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	Balliett, Blue
<i>City of Ember</i>	DuPrau, Jeanne
<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>	Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and Houston, James D.
<i>Five Children and It</i>	Nesbit, Edith
<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>	Konigsburg, E.L.
<i>Hidden Figures</i>	Shetterly, Margot
<i>Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms</i>	Lauber, Patricia
<i>I am Malala</i>	Yousafzai, Malala
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	O'Dell, Scott
<i>My Librarian is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World</i>	Ruurs, Margriet
<i>Shh! We're Writing the Constitution</i>	Fritz, Jean
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Burnett, Frances Hodgson
<i>The Shakespeare Stealer</i>	Blackwood, Gary
<i>The Trail of Tears</i>	Bruchac, Joseph
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Curtis, Christopher Paul
<i>They Called Her Molly Pitcher</i>	Rockwell, Anne
<i>Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court</i>	Kent, Deborah
<i>Volcano: Eruption and Healing of St. Helens</i>	Lauber, Patricia
<i>We the People: The Constitution of the United States of America</i>	Spier, Peter
<i>Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland</i>	Walker, Sally

This is a list of recommended books for 5th grade students for the 25/26 school year.

CITY OF EMBER READ IN CLASS

NOTE – There will be questions on the FAST reading test that come directly from these titles.

The selected passages from each text will be provided to students on testing day. **HOWEVER**, it's always a good idea to know the text beforehand. After all, there are some GREAT books in this list.



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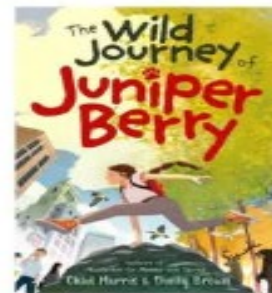
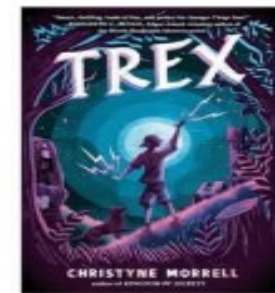
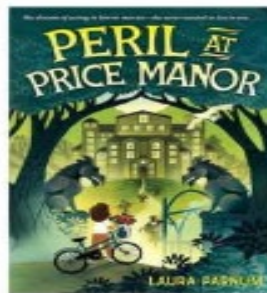
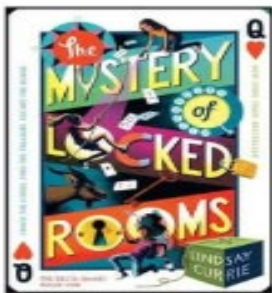
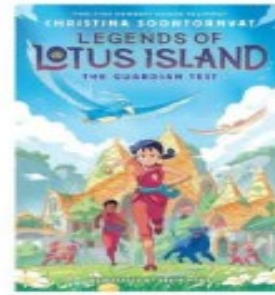
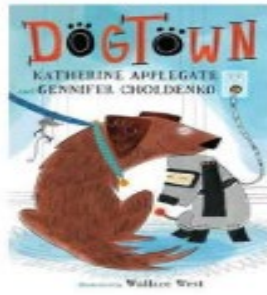
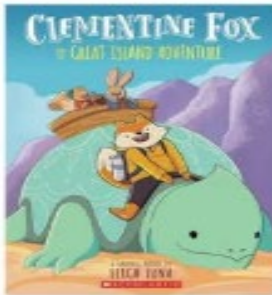
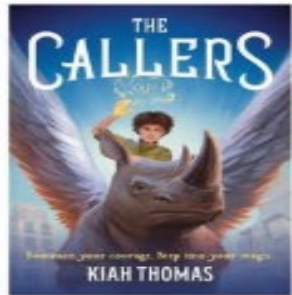
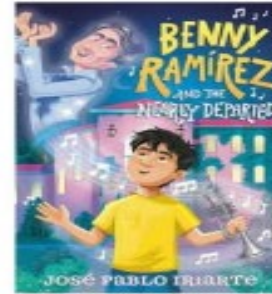
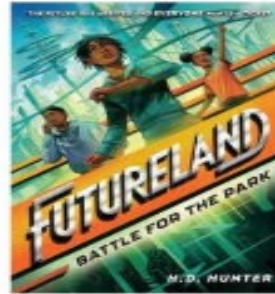
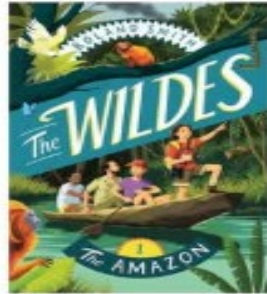
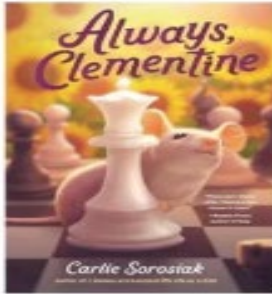
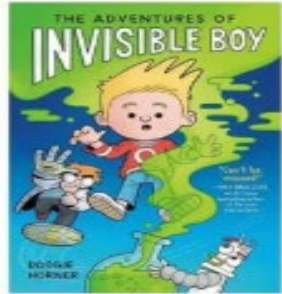


BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:

Displayed are the SSYRA books for the 25/26 school year. These 15 books will be used in the Battle of the Books competition this year.

Please help TSFES to win Battle of the Books this year! Encourage your child to compete with us! The club will be run by Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. VanStratt. Please be on the lookout for more information!

Even if you're scholar chooses not to compete in the Battle of the Books competition, all 15 of these books are amazing reads, and highly recommended!



How many will you read?

Social Studies

- **Social Studies will total 10 minutes every day, and 30 minutes on Friday. It will cover various topics such as: Civics, US History, Geography, and Economics.**
- **DBQ - Document Based Questioning**
- **Enterprise Village curriculum expands the opportunity for students to be involved in understanding how businesses operate and personal financial responsibility.**





Mathematics

McGraw Hill-Series and the FL Big M are our guides for Core Instruction as well as active/hands on engaging mathematics lesson.

- **Basic Fact mastery is CRUCIAL, especially multiplication**
- **Dreambox at home through Clever**
- **Weekly Progress Expectation is 10 lessons per week. *Please check completion on Fridays!**
- **Launchpad for Dreambox**
- **Math Tests – Performance Matters**
- **McGraw Hill Form A/B (review)**
- **Math journaling enhances concept development and deeper understanding by explaining their thinking with words, equations, and pictures.**

Science

- **Science Units cover the Florida Standards in Earth, Physical, and Life sciences.**
- **Science Handbook and Sciencosaur are ONLY resources**
- **Hands-on learning with daily notebook reflections showing thinking**
- **Computer Gaming: Gimkit, Kahoot, Quizlet, Quizizz**
- **Focus on scientific method**
- **Science Showcase**



**Home-
work will be
assigned
Monday
through
Thursday - 2-3
subjects per
night.**

Productive struggle with homework is normal.

**Weekly Readers Response Journal (RRJ)- min. 5 complete sentences.
Quality 5th grade work expected.**

***Students should select a different assignment from (blue) Choice Board.**

**Record reading in planner daily- Title, pages numbers read (13-32),
minutes read- 30 mins expected.**

**Homework Classmate Buddies AND Homework Helpline 5:00-8pm
Monday-Thursday #727-547-7223**

**Parent Expectations: Parent signatures must be a minimum of first
initial and last name.**

***Please check for quality and completed work. Planners signed
daily.**

Midterms/Report Cards

- Midterm progress reports:
 - Grade(s) lower than a C
 - Behavior concern.
- Report cards/extra credit
- Please keep track of grades using Focus/Portal.
- “Is this for a grade?”
- Incomplete classwork becomes homework.





F.A.S.T. Assessments

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking

- **3 times a year (fall, winter, late spring)**
- **Students tested on ALL grade level standards**
- **CBT (Computer-based testing)**
- **PM 1 Reading test – Tuesday, September 2nd**
- **PM 1 Math test – Tuesday, September 9th**
- **Writing Cycle 1, Cycle 2, and Spring Assessment**
- **SSA (Science State Assessment) CBT May 2026**



Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences

- In person conference three times per year (Fundamental requirement)
- Sign Up Genius link will be sent mid-September after we have time to get to know your child better and collect/analyze PM 1 FAST Data.
- Parents will meet with homeroom teacher for the **Fall** Conference. Mid-year with other teacher.
- Please respect our schedule by being prompt and notifying the teacher 24 hours in advance if you are not able to make your scheduled conference.
- The May conference- student-led data conference at school.

Field Trips

- **ALL Chaperones must be registered volunteers. Please contact coordinator, Kelly Levey leveyk@pcsb.org**
- **Fingerprinting available next PTA meeting on 9/9 from 4 to 6 PM.**
- **Enterprise Village – October 10th**
 - *** NEED many volunteers!**
 - **Cost is \$3.00 IF purchasing McDonalds lunch, or free if bringing lunch.**
- **FL Orchestra at Ruth Eckerd Hall – Oct. 28th**
- **5th Grade Spring Trip: TBD**



Reminders....

Email using Focus is our primary means of communication. We have already sent out a few emails so please let us know if you are not receiving them. Open communication is so important! Please do not hesitate to contact us and allow 24 hours for our response.



TSFES has a dress code policy located in the student handbook. Dress code warnings will be written, and students will be sent to the office for clothing.



Please read our 5th Grade weekly curriculum update emails.

Arrival Time: Students should be dropped off no earlier than 7:40 A.M., and all students should be at school by 8:00 A.M. Free breakfast is offered daily to all students.





5th Grade Suggestions for Success

- Bedtime -
 - 8:30PM - 9:00PM
- Breakfast is important!
FREE Breakfast served daily
from 7:40-8AM
- Personal Hygiene
- Computer Safety
- Charged
computers/headphones
needed daily at school!
- NO wireless headphones or
earbuds permitted at school.



QUESTIONS?

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FOR THE 2025 – 2026
SCHOOL YEAR



This link is for the
TSFES PTA STORE



Please help support
our school!