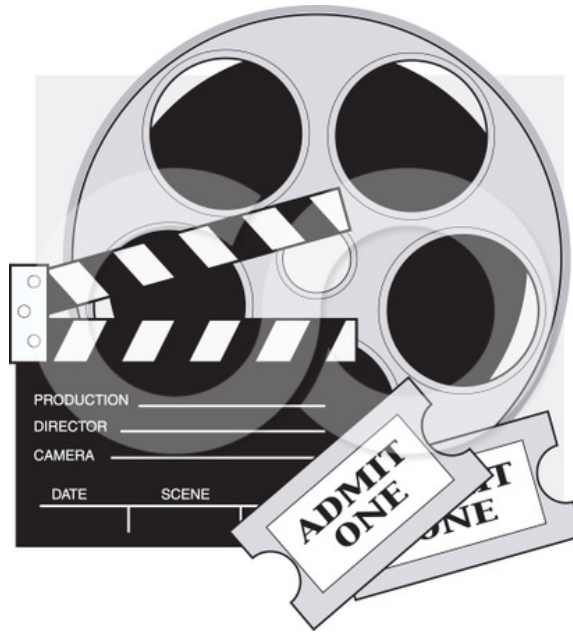


Daily Schedule

7:35-7:45 Arrival time
7:50-8:05 Morning Meeting
8:05-9:55 Reading Workshop
9:55-10:40 Specials
10:40-11:45 Writing/Content
11:45-1:00 Math
1:00-1:55 Lunch/Recess
1:55-2:25 Inquiry/Eagle Time/SLT
2:25-2:35 Pack-up/Dismissal

Grading Scale

A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	73-76%
C-	70-72%
D+	67-69%
D	63-66%
D-	60-62%
F	59% and below



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This Year's Coming Attractions 2019-2020

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the White River Fifth Grade Team! We are excited to start a new year and are eager to spend the next 180 days teaching your child. We ask you to encourage your child to be here each day on time, come prepared to learn, follow procedures, and complete homework and schoolwork to the best of their ability. Get ready for a great year!



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Team Expectations



The classroom expectations are posted in each room. We believe in a positive learning environment for all; therefore, every student is expected to follow these guidelines.

"Be A STAR to Soar"

1. Stay on task.
2. Talk politely and work quietly.
3. Always follow directions and procedures.
4. Respect everyone and everything.

Homework Policy

Homework is important because it teaches responsibility and helps students develop good study habits. In addition, homework helps to reinforce lessons that have been learned in class, and helps prepare students for upcoming lessons and assessments.

Although the amount of homework will vary, you can expect that your child will have no more than fifty minutes of homework each night. Homework will be a part of your child's overall grade for each subject and should take priority over all extra-curricular activities. If a child **chooses** to miss an assignment, he/she will be asked to finish the assignment at recess or at home. Late assignments must be turned in the following morning if not finished during the school day.



Take Home Folders

Each day a Take Home Folder will be sent home containing your child's work throughout the week as well as important office papers. **Please look over the papers each night and return the folder the next day.** From time to time, you may find papers in the folder that need to be signed by you and returned to your child's teacher. If you have any comments or questions about an assignment, please let me know. It is also very important to check your child's grades on Powerschool, Canvas grades only include a few assignments/assessments that were graded on Canvas. Canvas grades are not as accurate as Powerschool.

Newsletter

"Live From the Red Carpet"

Newsletters will be sent home at the beginning of each month. We hope this will help to inform you of current events in the classroom and areas of study. If you do not have internet access, we will provide a hard copy for you. We will also be sending emails as necessary to keep you informed.

Snacks

Due to our late lunch time, students are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack during the school day. Individual snack sizes would be appreciated. Students will have a five-minute break to enjoy their snack.

Students may bring in a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day. Students may flavor their water as long as it is CLEAR in color.



Academic Notes

Language Arts: Language Arts will encompass reading and writing activities, as well as grammar, spelling, and vocabulary. Writing instruction will include a closer look of various genres and a great deal of modeling and exploration. Students should expect to be writing every day. We use the Lucy Calkins Units of Study.

To improve reading comprehension and skills, your child will be reading many novels and short stories, and will be participating in reading and vocabulary activities. We will be reading various kinds of literature and explore as many genres as possible. We will appeal to a variety of learning styles through individual and group readings, literature circles, independent studies, and much more! We offer as much student choice as possible.

Through grammar lessons, we will help each child create more mature sentence structures and thus, creating better writers! We will study prepositions, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, conjunctions, and interjections over the course of the year through song, stations, and engaging activities!

Science: We have two exciting Project Lead the Way Units planned for science this year. We will be working on hands-on activities and completing experiments throughout the year as well.

Social Studies: Skits, plays, debates, dioramas, maps, projects, and simulations are just a few of the activities planned to enhance the social studies curriculum this year. This is the subject that many students need to reread and discuss with their parents.