



• Sauganash Elementary School

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Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

The Sauganash Elementary School administration and the 5th Grade team would like to provide parents with a snapshot of “A Day as a Sauganash 5th Grader.”

Language Arts Instruction with Mrs. Karacic

The language arts curriculum is designed to help students increase their communication and analytical skills. Students will be reading and responding to a variety of engaging literature and informational text. Their grammar and vocabulary skills will be enhanced through both online and workbook activities. Instruction will be a combination of the whole class and small group to meet the needs of all learners. For technology, students will be using IXL, Readworks, and CommonLit to strengthen their reading skills.

Writing and Social Studies Instruction with Ms. Foster

Fifth grade students will be immersed into a variety of social studies and writing cooperative learning opportunities. Fifth grade social studies curriculum will focus on U.S History from early indigenous societies to after the American Revolution, and sixth grade curriculum will focus on early human societies in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. U.S. History based Social Studies lessons will consist of hands-on exploration and analysis of primary and secondary sources.

For writing, students will strengthen their writing skills using the Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop model, poetry mentor texts, persuasive writing strategies and 6 Traits mini-lessons. A large emphasis will be placed on the process of learning as students work towards mastering key writing and historical analysis skills.

Math Instruction with Mr. Ciucci and Mrs. Karacic

Students in fifth grade will have daily math practice for the first ten minutes of class. They will work together on a variety of higher order thinking math problems. Students will be taught as a whole group direct instruction on a new topic each day. The students will have the opportunity to work in cooperative learning groups to work together on each topic. Each classroom is equipped with a SmartBoard, white boards and Webcam. For technology, students will be using IXL, Khan Academy, Virtual Nerd, and Web Math Minute to strengthen their math skills.

Science Instruction with Ms. Nepo & Ms. Foster

This year we will be using hands-on labs, simulations, and real world phenomena to explore the world around us! Our journey will take us on explorations of the following topics:

- Earth & Sky
- Earth Systems & Water Quality
- Ecosystems & Properties of Matter
- Sexual Health Education (opt-out)

Diverse Learner Co-teacher for Math and Language Arts with Mrs. Knorr

During sections of language arts and math, there will be additional support provided in a co-teaching setting.

Lunch & Recess

Every school day, students have an opportunity to socialize and participate in physical activities.

Q1- 12:00-1:00	204 PE 206 Spanish 207 Art	204 PE 206 Music 207 PE	204 PE 206 PE 207 Music	204 PE 206 Art 207 PE	204 PE 206 PE 207 Spanish
Q2- 12:00-1:00	204 PE 206 Spanish 207 STEM	204 PE 206 STEM 207 PE	204 Spanish 206 PE 207 STEM	204 Music 206 STEM 207 PE	204 STEM 206 PE 207 Spanish
Q3- 12:00-1:00	204 PE 206 Spanish 207 Art	204 Gym 206 Music 207 PE	204 Spanish 206 PE 207 Music	204 Music 206 Art 207 PE	204 Art 206 PE 207 Spanish
Q4- 12:00-1:00	204 PE 206 Spanish 207 STEM	204 PE 206 STEM 207 PE	204 Spanish 206 PE 207 STEM	204 STEM 206 Music 207 PE	204 STEM 206 PE 207 Spanish