



# 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 Freckle, Storyworks, and CommonLit to strengthen their reading skills.

## **Writing and Social Studies Instruction with Mr. Allore**

In Social Studies we will explore the early history of our continent: from First Nation societies, prior to European exploration, through the Revolutionary War and the founding of our nation. We will use different historical thinking strategies to learn and make connections with our continent’s past.

During Writing, we will be exploring how we can use writing to express our thoughts and ideas. Writing genres will include narrative, informative/explanatory, and argumentative. My goal is to create a space where students feel supported to generate ideas and safe to create new and original work. We will accomplish this with lots of time set aside for free and prompted writing. To support this, students will also read and analyze a variety of mentor texts in order to learn the craft of successful writing from experienced authors.

## **Math Instruction with Mr. Ciucci**

Students in fifth grade will have daily math practice for the first twenty minutes of class. They will work together on a variety of higher order thinking math problems. Students will be taught as a whole/small 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 Freckle, Khan Academy, Virtual Nerd, and Web Math Minute to strengthen their math skills.

### Science Instruction with Ms. Kroeger

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:

- Light and Matter
- Thermal Energy
- Weather and Climate
- Plate Tectonics
- Cells

### Special Education Instruction with Mrs. Knorr

Students will learn in both small group and co-taught environments based on specific academic and functional goals as written in their Individualized Education Plans. The main objective is to encourage students to utilize their strengths and preferred learning modalities to develop and refine basic and critical thinking skills, while emphasizing social emotional well-being. Students learn strategies that allow access to and achievement within Common Core State Standards.

### Lunch & Recess

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

Q1- 9:00-10:00	PE, Music, Spanish
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Q2- 9:00-10:00	PE, Art, STEM
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Q3- 9:00-10:00	PE, Music, Spanish
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Q4- 9:00-10:00	PE, Art, STEM
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