

so that students are excited to

walk through the door each day. Our class curriculum is closely aligned with the Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards to ensure that your student will know and be able to do what is expected for school and in life.

The following letter provides information about each core class as well as fifth grade procedures and policies.

The Math curriculum teaches skills and strategies by using I-Ready Math as well as various projects and inquiry-based assignments. This program is also available online through the teacher website, and Parent Help Pages and Homework Helpers will be sent home with students during each Module. Grades are determined through unit assessments, quizzes, and finals. (Monday – Friday)

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Career Readiness ELA standards. Grades will be based on assessments

and coursework. ELA learning will be consistently supported by whole group instruction, small group activities, and individual practice.

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support their understanding. Grades are based on assessments.

The Social Studies curriculum covers American History from the American Revolution to Industrialism. The majority of academic learning will be completed in the classroom, and grades will be determined through assessments and projects. Students will also be expected to maintain student notebooks and inquiry journals.

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Mr. Justin Pothast teaches Math! He is a graduate of Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. This is his 12th year teaching and it is his 3rd year teaching in the district. He has taught 11 years of 5th grade, and one year of 4th grade. He is married with two beautiful daughters, and a Golden Retriever. He loves to grill, travel, swim, watch sports, and spend time with his family.

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Mrs. Sue Piotrowski teaches Science and Social Studies! She is a graduate of Grand Canyon University. This is her 14th year teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 17th year working in the district. She is happily married and has three awesome children, all who have been in DVUSD schools. She loves to read, travel, swim, teach, and follow her beloved Ohio State Buckeyes!





This form must be returned to school by \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for entrusting your student to us. We will have a fantastic year learning and growing together as a community.

I have read and discussed all the information in the Fifth Grade Welcome Letter: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Student Printed Name

In the event the Fifth Grade Team need!!