

Welcome to 5th Grade!

DAILY BINDERS:

Students will bring their 'travel binder' home daily. This binder will hold the agenda, homework/unfinished work folder, and other important information. Check the agenda daily. You may also use this binder to send notes, payments, or other items that need to get to school.

TRANSPORTATION:

Students can not be dropped off before 7:20, but

GoSafe – changes must be put in the system online by 1:30 pm every day. Written notes, email, or phone call, or any other form of communication will no longer be accepted. Teachers nor the office staff are not permitted to accept transportation changes. You will access GoSafe through your existing ParentVUE account.

MONEY:

If you are sending money to school for lunch, field trips, fundraisers, or anything else it **MUST** be placed in a sealed envelope with the following information written on the front: your child's name, homeroom teacher's name, how much money is in the envelope, and what it is for. We encourage you to make payments online as often as possible.

ATTENDANCE:

It is very important to be in the classroom at or before 7:50 every morning and remain at school until 2:10 each day. We begin our day at 7:50, so if your child is not present then he/she is missing valuable instructional time. Students may enter the building at 7:20. Do not drop them off any earlier. If for some reason your child is late to school, you **MUST** park your car and come into the front office to sign your child in. If your child is absent, send a written note, doctor's note, or email in CTLS Parent stating why your child was absent.

COMMUNICATION:

Allow a 24-hour response time (one business day) to any communication sent to teachers.

- CTLS Parent: PLEASE read every post you receive in CTLS Parent that is from any 5th grade teacher. We know a lot of notifications are sent through CTLS, so anything we send is of high importance and an absolute necessity for you as a parent.
- Subject Specific Questions: Please direct any subject specific questions to the teacher who teaches your child for that subject if they have more than one teacher. All Target questions should be directed to the Target teachers.

HOMEWORK:

Homework is an important part of the educational experience. As teachers, it is our responsibility to ensure that every student is well prepared for 6th grade. For us to be successful, it is important for your child to practice the skills being learned at school. Each night, your child will be responsible for approximately 50 minutes of homework in the areas of Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. In addition to this, they will be expected to read nightly for a minimum of 20 minutes. Please understand that 50 minutes is an average amount of time that may be required for homework. It may take some longer than 50 minutes as we transition into the start of the year.

- Typical Homework Routine: math spiral, grammar spiral, geography weekly assignment, nightly reading for pleasure (occasional assignments for science/ss, at-home projects, or book club assignment)

- Homework should not be completed quickly or rushed. It is extremely important that students are managing their workload throughout the week and work on homework every night rather than all at once. They will take an assessment in geography and grammar every week. In the past, students that waited until the night before to complete/study often receive failing scores. Remember grammar quizzes and geography quizzes CAN NOT be retaken. They will keep the score they earn.

BEHAVIOR:

You will find a quarterly Behavior Log stapled in the front of your child's agenda. This requires a parent signature **every weekend** and monitored daily. Any data recorded on the behavior log will be used for end of year awards and we strongly encourage you to monitor it frequently to prevent any surprises at the conclusion of the year. Thank you for your support in this area!

BIRTHDAYS:

We love celebrations! If you would like to purchase treats for your child's class from the cafeteria, you may prearrange it with our café manager, and the lunch ladies will be able to provide purchased snacks/treats to the class. You may also choose to send in store bought treats. Contact your child's homeroom teacher for an accurate number of treats to purchase.

Lunch:

Breakfast prices: \$2.50

Lunch prices: \$3.50

GRADED WORK:

Graded papers will be sent home only on Fridays, but not every Friday. Your child's teacher will send a CTLS Parent post any Friday that graded papers are sent home, so you know to look for them. They will be stapled together with a cover sheet attached for you to sign. Please sign it over the weekend and return the entire stapled packet the very next Monday. Do not keep any graded papers at home. You may write a note on the cover sheet if you need a copy of a particular assignment, and we will make copies for you to keep. You may also make note of any questions that you may have regarding specific assignments and/or grades. Although the assignments have already been graded, we teachers use them for instructional and reteaching purposes and need to keep them. We will send them home later in the year.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:

Every Friday your child will bring home a classroom newsletter that will have important information for the upcoming week. The newsletter is also posted in CTLS Parent, but the paper copy is yours to keep at home.

CTLS PARENT, PARENT VUE, & STUDENT VUE:

- CTLS Parent - Mountain View & CCSD send reminders and essential information through CTLS Parent. We have found that installing the CTLS Parent app is the easiest way to use & monitor CTLS correspondence.
- ParentVUE – This portal allows 24/7 access to your child's grades. Please check your child's grades on a weekly basis. You can even set up personalized grading notifications! The Parent Vue portal allows you to add or modify the ways in which you want CCSD to reach you using CTLS Parent. This is where you can edit the email address(es) the school has on record for you. **IT IS CRITICAL YOU MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE IN PARENT VUE.** This is also where you will access GoSafe for daily transportation changes. MyPaymentsPlus is also found in ParentVUE.
- StudentVUE - Students need to log into their Student VUE accounts regularly (at least 1-2 times per week) to monitor their grades. Students are fully expected to monitor their grades. It is important

that students spend 5th grade work on advocating for themselves if they have a question or need to take action for any certain grades. This helps so much when they go to middle school.

RETAKES:

If a student scores a 73% or below on the identified assignments below, they will be allowed the opportunity to REQUEST to retest. Specifics will come home later but things to note are that only math, science, and social studies **TESTS** may be retaken. Quizzes, projects, and classwork assignments are not applicable for the request to retest. In ELA- the only assignments that students can retake are reading quizzes. No other assignments will be considered. For a retake to be administered, a parent/guardian or student must request to retest on the graded work packet that is returned each Monday. Extra credit opportunities are **not** offered.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Students are not allowed to use **any** personal devices at school. If your child brings a cell phone to school, it must remain powered off in his/her backpack the entire day. If your child needs to contact a parent, he/she must use the phone in the front office. Smart watches are not allowed. No Apple watches are allowed to be worn at school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Parent meetings will be virtual unless it is not feasible for your family.
- Water fountains are closed. Send in a refillable water bottle as they will have access to refill stations.
- No devices from home, including smart watches - all must remain in book bag if brought to school.
- Homework is assigned every single night (Monday-Thursday). Reading is an expectation 7 days a week. 😊
- Establish a weekly routine to monitor grades in ParentVUE and StudentVUE.
- Sign your child's behavior log & graded work packet every weekend.
- Transportation changes can ONLY be made through GoSafe.
- Please allow a 24-hour business day response time for all communication.

Thank you,

Mountain View 5th Grade Team