

5th and 6th Grade Syllabus

2023-2024

Dear 5th and 6th Grade Parents:

Welcome Back! August is such an exciting month for teachers and students. It is a month of change and new beginning-new surroundings, new skills, and new challenges. It is my deepest aspiration that we will support and guide each other in a way that will provide a warm and secure environment where maximal learning can take place.

School Philosophy:

In fulfillment of the Church's mission of Catholic education and in response to parental need, Santa Rosa de Lima exists to bring Jesus and the Gospel message into the formal educational experience of its students.

We strive to have our students follow the call of Jesus Christ by centering our teaching around faith, life and learning; providing opportunities for service and worship.

We strive to embody the spirit of Santa Rosa de Lima, living as disciples of Christ.

We strive to build a school community which responds to the dignity and worth of each member.

Since lifelong success depends in part on learning to make responsible choices. I have developed a classroom discipline plan, which guides every student to make good decisions about his or her behavior. Your child deserves the most positive educational climate possible for his/her growth, and I know that together we will make a difference in this process. The plan below outlines our rules, positive recognition for appropriate behavior and consequences for inappropriate behavior. They are:

Class Rules:

1. Follow directions
2. Respect "EVERYONE" including the teacher
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself
4. Raise your hand and wait for your turn to speak
5. Listen carefully while the teacher is talking

Positive Recognition:

To encourage students to follow these rules, I will recognize appropriate behavior with praise “Class Points” in the ClassDojo app. Students who receive only positive points throughout the week will receive a “treat or prize” on Friday.

Consequences:

There will be consequences for those students who break the

- rules. 1. First warning
2. Second warning
3. Points taken away from ClassDojo
4. Email to parents/Phone call to parents
5. Teacher/Parent Conference

Homework:

1. All students will write their homework assignment for that day on their agendas/iPads.
2. I will assign homework Monday through Thursday nights. If a student is absent or has missing assignments, he/she must complete them over the weekend since all weekly assignments will be archived on Monday.
3. Students will have to complete a weekly goal for ELA and Math on iReady.
4. All assignments MUST be submitted on time and fully completed in order to receive full credit.
5. All daily assignments will be posted on ClassDojo; however, only few assignments will be submitted using ClassDojo(I will notify the students when I expect them to use the app).
6. Make sure to sit with your child and go over his/her homework. Have your child show you the work so you can check it off in the agenda/iPad.
7. If homework is incomplete or not done then... You will receive a notification on the ClassDojo app and it will also be reflected on your child's grades Friday when I publish the grades on SchoolSpeak.

8. Academic integrity of work submission is very important. Any student who plagiarizes the work of another student or the internet will received a "0" as his/ her grade.
9. Homework will be posted daily on **SchoolSpeak** after school.
10. This is an opportunity for you to be involved in your child's education, as well as being aware of your child's progress in school, please check SchoolSpeak in a regular basis. Grades will be published every Friday.

Daily Reading at Home:

Students will not be provided with a reading log. However, I expect them to read daily at home at least for 20 minutes.

Students will be reading **THREE** core novels in class throughout the school year. For each novel read in class, there will be a special project that has to be done at home. You will get the guidelines and rubric for the project at least three weeks before the project is due. Please make sure the projects are completed on time to receive full credit for them. LATE WORK will be accepted with a 10% grade deduction penalty.

CURRICULUM:

Math: Place Value, Whole Numbers, Decimals, Fractions (Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), Geometry, and Measurement, (Expressions and Equations)

Reading: Nonfiction, Realistic Fiction, Fiction, Informational Text, and Biographies

Writing: The Writing Process -Narrative, Informational, Opinion and Persuasive - Parts of Speech - Sentences, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adjectives, and Adverbs

Religion: Gospel studies, Feast Days and Grade Level Prayers

History: World History - Ancient Civilizations -Early Humans, Egyptian, Roman, Greek and Chinese Civilizations

Science: The Scientific Method - Physical Science -Matter -Life Science -Classification of Plants and Animals and -Earth-Space Science -The Planets

Tests and Projects:

Students will be doing projects both at home and in class. You will get the information at least three weeks in advanced before the projects are due.

Students will receive a study guide prior to the test. It is your child's responsibility to take notes during class time and study for the test.

All tests dates will be posted on SchoolSpeak in order for you to check your child's study habits.

The grading scale for the six core subjects (Math, Reading, ELA, Religion, History and Science) is as follows:

Tests/Projects 50%

Quizzes 25%

Classwork 15%

Homework 10%

The letter grade scale for the six core subjects (Math, Reading, ELA, Religion, History and Science) is as follows:

A = 100-93%

B+ = 92-90%

B = 87-89%

B- = 85-86%

C+ = 80-84%

C = 79-75%

C- = 74-70%

D = 69-65%

F = 64% and below

Art and PE are Credit/NoCredit subjects.

Technology in the Classroom:

We will be using the following apps in the classroom:

1. ClassDojo
2. iReady - ELA and MATH

Tutoring After School:

I will offer tutoring after school to a small group of students who need extra support. Tutoring will take place in the classroom on Mondays from 3:10pm-3:40. After taking the STAR Test and iReady Diagnostic Test, if your child is in need of tutoring, I will contact you directly to recommend it. Tutoring will start on Monday, September 11th after school.

Weekly Mass:

This year we will continue with our weekly Friday's mass and monthly mass.

6th Grade will host our weekly mass on the month of September including our Sunday, monthly mass.

Mass Days: 9/1, 9/8 Blessing for Grandparents, 9/22, 9/24 Sunday school Family Mass at 9:30am, and 9/29 SLE Award Given to Students

5th Grade will host our weekly mass on the month of October, including our Sunday, monthly Mass.

Mass Days: 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 SLE Award Given to Students, 10/27, 10/29 Sunday school Family Mass at 9:30am

Birthday Celebrations: (Free Dress Pass for the Day)

Celebrate with books, donate your favorite book to our classroom library/read-a-loud of your favorite book and/or distribute pre-packed goodie bags to your classmates. If you prefer to bring food to students, it must be pre-package individual pizza/Happy Meal and it would be distributed at the end of the school day.

I would like to let you know that I am very excited about working with Santa Rosa De Lima School teaching team. Working together with your support and cooperation we can make this year a very positive and exciting learning experience for your child.

Please go over this letter with your child and return the next page to me with your signature.

Blessings,

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“Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic School strongly believes that each child is a gift from God who deserves the right to a quality education. Here, at Santa Rosa de Lima, we are dedicated to providing our students with a spiritually rich and nurturing environment where our teachers, staff, and parents prepare our students to make a difference in the world.”

Please return with your signature and Child’s signature:

I have read and understand the 5th and 6th Grade Rules and Policies. Print Child’s

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent’s Signature Student’s Signature

Comments/Something I should know about your child:
