

June 2017

Welcome to Mr. Lynch's class, part of the Red Team (5-2)!

During your fifth grade year at TBS, you will meet many new friends and adults who are eager to help you learn and grow. You'll have opportunities to "Think Beyond" in all subject areas and discover your unique talents and abilities. We encourage you to reach for the stars and approach your work with a positive attitude. There are many exciting topics that we will study this year.

### **Language Arts and Social Studies**

In fifth grade English language arts/social studies, you will continue to focus on building your reading and writing skills. You will read a 50/50 balance of fiction and nonfiction texts. Character traits, story elements, main idea, text features, details, and theme are just some of the topics that you will learn and explore during the school year. You will be taught lessons in whole class, small group, and guided reading group formats. Through rich text, differentiation, and an American History lens, you will become knowledgeable in the history of our country from Exploration to the Constitution, while applying and developing your language arts skills. You will write for different purposes, as well. You will explore writing structures for informational, opinion, and narrative writing.

### **Math**

In fifth grade math, you will focus on three critical areas: (1) developing fluency with addition and subtraction of fractions, and developing understanding of multiplication/division of fractions; (2) extending division to 2-digit divisors, and learning about the relationship between fractions and decimals; and (3) developing understanding of volume. In fifth grade, you will learn exciting real-world concepts that you will use for the rest of your life. You will explore technology, hands-on activities, and games that will teach you new skills, while still having fun.

### **Science**

As a fifth grader, you will have science class several days per week. You will learn through a variety of hands on activities throughout the year. The topics covered include: Eco Systems, Earth Systems and Human Impact, Space Systems, and Properties of Matter.

### **Student Support**

Each team includes a special education teacher and a paraeducator. This model of embedded special education within the general education curriculum allows for increased consultation between teachers, differentiation for individual learning styles, and additional support in some classes.

**The Other Red Team teachers:**

Classroom: Ms. Dunn, Ms. Haverkamp, and Mrs. McCabe

Special Education: Mr. Busbey

Paraeducator: Mrs. Ahlstrin

We all hope you have a wonderful summer break and return to TBS ready to face the challenges and opportunities ahead of you.

See you soon,

Mr. Lynch

**Mr. Lynch's Suggested Supply Request:**

- (2) 1-in binders (different colors)
- (2) boxes of pencils
- (1) box of colored pencils
- (1) box of colored markers
- (1) handheld pencil sharpener
- (1) 5-subject spiral notebook
- (2) packs of college ruled 3-hole punched notebook paper (*preferably with reinforced edges*)
- (7) pocket folders (assorted colors, 3-hole punched)
- (1) Black & White composition book (100 sheets hardcover)
- (2) highlighters
- (3) 2x2 Post-Its
- (1) pair of scissors
- (2) Elmer's glue sticks
- (1) set of earbuds or small headphones
- (1) clipboard
- (1) pack of four dry erase markers