

Welcome to Fifth Grade!!!

August 19, 2024

Parents/Guardians:

Hi, my name is Megan Feldpausch and I have the pleasure of being your child's fifth grade teacher! This is my tenth year with St. Johns Public Schools and I am very excited for the upcoming school year! Prior to working here, I taught Middle School English and Math in St. Louis, MI. I have earned both my Bachelors (Elementary Education - Language Arts and Math) and Masters (Middle Level Education) degrees from Central Michigan University. My husband, Matt, and I live in St. Johns with our children: Lincoln, Sawyer, and Ava. I really enjoy teaching at Riley Elementary and I'm so happy to be a part of the Riley community!

The Riley Open House will be on August 21 from 5:00 - 7:00. During this time, you are welcome to bring in supplies, tour the classroom and school, and meet other teachers and myself! Mr. Tisdale has sent out an email with more information concerning this event.

This year in fifth grade, I am hoping to challenge the students in a fun and safe environment. The beginning of our year will include a few team building and getting-to-know-you activities. One of our first activities will be a "Summer Artifact" poster. Students are encouraged to bring in three artifacts that represent their summer break. These artifacts can include photos, tickets, memorabilia (or photos of these items if they are heavy), or the students can represent their artifacts with original drawings. Students are welcome to bring these artifacts to our Open House or during the first week of school (more information will be given to students in class). The projects will be worked on during the first two weeks of school and will be displayed in the hallway, so please encourage your child to keep that in mind when selecting their artifacts. By taking the time to learn about one another and earning the trust of one another, the students and I will be able to work as a team throughout the school year.

You know your child best and as a way for me to learn more about your child, I would love it if you could take a few minutes to send me an email in response to the following prompt: **In a million words or less, tell me about your child.** In your response, please include your name, your child's name, and anything else you would like to share. If you would prefer to hand write your response, you are welcome to send it to school with your student too. Thank you in advance for your participation and I look forward to learning more about your child!

I am really looking forward to meeting everyone and to having a fun and educational year! Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time before or during the school year.

Sincerely,

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5th Grade Supply List: 2024 - 2025 School Year

While certainly not required, some parents like to provide supplies for the classroom. Below is a list of some suggestions for items if you choose to donate.

Suggested Supplies:

- 2 decorative folders - 1 for Homework, 1 for Miscellaneous work (no solid colors please)
- 1 solid colored plastic folder with pockets and brads
- pencils - Mechanical are preferred, but certainly not required
- 1 box tissues (for class donation)
- 1 ream (pack) lined paper (for class donation)
- pencil/supply pouch or box
- earbuds or headphones
- colored pencils (8 - 12 count)
- thin markers (8 - 12 count)

Optional Supplies (some students like to have these supplies in their desk)

- thin black permanent marker
- highlighter
- crayons
- glue sticks
- scissors
- hand held pencil sharpener
- erasers