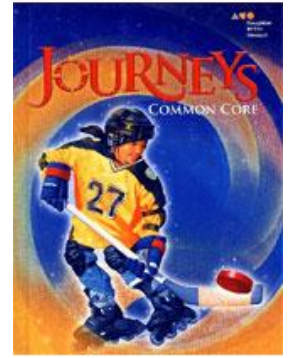


Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Welcome back to school!

This year we are using Journeys, a comprehensive, K–5 evidence-based, English Language Arts program. In grade five, students will continue to build important reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. They will read more challenging literature, articles, and other sources of information and continue to grow their vocabulary. Students will also be expected to understand and clearly summarize what they have learned from readings and classroom discussions, referring to specific evidence and details from the text. Students will write regularly and continue to develop their ability to gather, organize, interpret, and present information. Fifth grade students will:



- Summarize the key details of stories, dramas, poems, and nonfiction materials, including their themes or main ideas
- Identify and judge evidence that supports particular ideas in an author's argument to change a reader's point of view
- Integrate information from several print and digital sources to answer questions and solve problems
- Write opinions that offer reasoned arguments and provide facts and examples that are logically grouped to support the writer's point of view
- Write stories, real or imaginary, that unfold naturally and develop the plot with dialogue, description, and effective pacing of the action
- Come to classroom discussions prepared, then engage fully and thoughtfully with others
- Report on a topic or present an opinion with his or her own words, a logical sequence of ideas and sufficient facts and details

There are many ways you can help your child at home. Invite your child to talk about what he/she is learning each day in class. Encourage your child to read each night exploring different genres.

Your child can access Journeys at home using his/her personal login and password. Students can read/listen to the week's anchor text, paired text, and leveled readers.

**Remember, it is important to instill a love of reading in every child.
Please encourage your child to read daily.**