

ABCs of 5th Grade

Absence

Regular school attendance is critical to the learning process. When your child is absent, he or she misses valuable instructional time. Please call our office (218-746-2112) each morning your child will be absent from school. It is your student's responsibility to get make-up work from ALL of their teachers.

Agendas/Exit Ticket

Each 5th grader will get an agenda to use this school year. These are provided for free to your student on the first day of school. If it lost or damaged, a new one can be purchase from the MS Office. These will be written in daily and serve as a way to communicate assignments and concerns to home from school.

Arrival

We begin each day at 8:25 a.m. starting with period 1. Students should not arrive before 8:15am as teachers will not be in their rooms. Students arriving after 8:30am should check in at the office before reporting to the classroom. Please make every effort to arrive to school on time.

Backpacks

Your child will need his/her backpack everyday. He/she will be bringing home library books, completed work, announcements, and homework. Please check your child's backpack daily. Backpacks are not allowed in classrooms and need to be stored in your child's locker during the school day.

Birthdays

We love our kids and acknowledge their birthdays, but due to allergies and logistics of the MS schedule, please do not send treats with your child.

Cell Phones

Cell phones must be turned off and left in the lockers throughout the school day. Pillager Public Schools are NOT responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones. Electronic devices MAY be used in the Commons area during lunch. See Student Handbook for more details.

Communication

Communication between home and school is very important. Email is the best way to reach any 5th grade teachers. Please refrain from calling our classrooms during the school day as we are busy teaching your 5th grader and want to use as much of our time learning as possible. You can call the middle school office at 218-746-2112 to let the secretary know of any important information. Please communicate any transportation changes to the Middle School Office by 2:00pm or have your child bring a signed note to the MS Office in the morning.

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Conferences

Fall Conferences are scheduled for November 21 (4:00-8:00pm) and November 22 (1:00-4:00pm). Spring conference are scheduled for February 15 (4:00-8:00pm) and February 16 (8:00-12:00pm). You may schedule a conference at any time during the school year if you have questions or concerns.

Dismissal

Period 6 is the last period of the day and ends at 3:08pm. Students must make their way to their after school plans (sports, bus, Fun Stop, etc.) at this time. If you need to pick up your child early, please send a note or call the office. Students leaving early need to be signed out in the Middle School Office. For any unusual dismissal arrangements please contact the Middle School Office.

Dress Code

If you question whether or not your clothing is appropriate, don't wear it. Refer to the student handbook for specifics on the dress code. Students in question will be sent to the office.

Field Trips

More information on field trips will be sent home as the year progresses.

Google Drive

We will be using Google Drive as a way to keep our electronic documents in order. This is a program that is connected to your child's Pillager google account. Any electronic documents we work on in class can be accessed at home as well. Log in information will come during the first weeks of school.

Grading

A 93-100%	C 73-76%
A- 90-92%	C-70-72%
B+ 87-89%	D+ 67-69%
B 83-86%	D 63-66%
B- 80-82%	D- 60-62%
C+ 77-79%	F 0-59%

Grades are available online at www.isd116.org/schools/pillager_middle_school/parent_resources/.

Homework

Homework assignments will be written in your student's agenda. Work assigned by 5th grade teachers should generally be completed in class. Students who are unable to finish in class will be expected to finish at home.

Internet

A Technology Use Agreement is required to be signed by both the student and a guardian before internet privileges will be allowed. Inappropriate use of the internet will result in loss of privileges.

Lockers & Locks

Students will each be assigned a locker. They will use this locker to keep some supplies as well as their backpacks, coats, P.E. shoes, etc. Only locks purchased in the Middle School office will be allowed on the lockers. For \$5, you can use the lock during the school year. Returning this lock in good condition get you your \$5 back at the end of the year.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are stored in the Middle School Commons. Please check there for missing coats, hats, books, etc. throughout the year.

Lunch Money

Before school, students can bring their lunch money to the Middle School Office. During lunch time, they can bring their lunch money to the cashier.

Pencils

Don't come to class without one! Or, better yet, two! Plenty of #2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencils are a must. Mechanical pencils are allowed.

PRIDE

Pillager has Husky PRIDE and is an expectation of the school. Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence are the standards used for behavior and achievement.

Pup PAWS

Students showing Husky PRIDE in the classrooms may receive either a "Pup PAW" (smaller reward) or a Husky PAW (bigger reward) as a way to affirm and encourage our kids. Pup PAWs are placed in a drawing for small prizes at the end of each week. Husky PAWs may be turned into the Middle School Office for a reward.

Questions

Please feel free to contact your child's teachers if you have a question or concern.

Restroom Privileges

Students should use the restroom during passing time. If the student needs to go during class, they have 10 passes that can be used each quarter. If your child has a related medical condition please let the teacher know.

Schedule

8:25 - 9:23	Period 1
9:27 - 10:25	Period 2
10:29 - 11:27	Period 3 (Specials)
11:31 - 11:55	Period 4
11:55 - 12:23	Lunch / Recess
12:27 - 12:55	Period 4
12:59 - 2:02	Period 5
2:06 - 3:08	Period 6

Tests

Please check your child's agenda for upcoming tests and quizzes. Tests will be announced in advance and should be written in the agenda by each student.

Unexcused Absences

Any absence that is not accompanied by a written explanation or a phone call to our middle school secretary will result in an unexcused absence. See handbook for further explanations.

Visitors

Please enter the building through Door O and check in at the office.

Water

Students are permitted to bring CLEAR water bottles to school. Please be sure all bottles are labeled with the student name and taken home each week. ****Only water will be permitted.****

Websites

Our 5th grade team has a class website that you can access to see what is going on in your student's classes and to find links that may help your student practice skills. Our website is <http://pillager5thgrade.weebly.com/>

You

YOU are your child's first teacher and play an extremely important role in his/her education. You know and understand your child better than anyone else. We value your insights and input. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with a note, phone call, or email any time you have a question, concern, or information you feel we should know in order to best help your child. We look forward to working with you and your 5th grader as a team!

Zzzzz's

Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest. It will help him/her be alert and ready to learn each day.

