

# Changes from Grade 4 to Grade 5

## **HOMEWORK & STAYING ORGANIZED**

- \*assigned each night, not as a Friday packet
- \*recorded by students in an agenda, not already written up by the teacher
- \*Homework Club - Mon-Thurs after school have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to help
- \*direct instruction in organizational strategies

## **BEING PART OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- \*day starts and ends earlier (7:50 - 2:22)
- \*new opportunities include
  - Student Council
  - cross-country
  - yearbook
  - Video Club
  - submissions to Pandora's Box

## **SPECIALS**

- \*eventually walk independently to/ from specials
- \*mixed groups within the dyad

## **TEACHERS AND SUBJECTS**

- \*move between classrooms
- \*work with 3 teachers each day
- \*health class
- \*world language & art meet more often

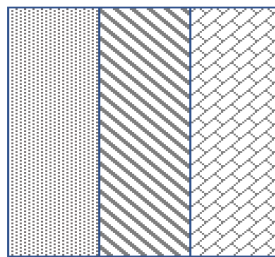
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### **grade 4**



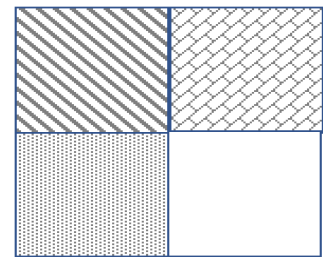
- \*1 teacher for core areas
- \*all subjects with 1 teacher
- \*same classmates all day

### **grade 5**



- \*3 teachers
- \*2 subjects per teacher
- \*different classmates for specials/world language

### **grade 6**



- \*4 teachers
- \*1 subject per teacher
- \*different classmates for each class

## Summer Expectations

Students will receive more specific info on Move-Up Day.

- All incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders should read *at least* 5 books – fiction & nonfiction. One book needs to either be about or set in Colonial America, which is our focus in social studies.  
*See Ms. Gleason's webpages over the summer for a list of suggested books.*
- Students should record their summer reading and turn it in to Ms. Gleason in September.
- Students need to maintain and develop their math skills over the summer. More information about summer math work will be sent home on Move-Up Day.
- Each student should send the team a postcard telling us some way he or she used math, science, or social studies over the summer. Postcards can be from anywhere or even hand-drawn.

## Suggested Games

Scrabble	Boggle	Othello	Apples to Apples
Yahtzee	Backgammon	Bananagrams	Chess
Blokus	Connect 4	Checkers	Monopoly

## Looking for a place to go that connects to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum?

Museum of Science	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (turtle habitat)
Stone Zoo	Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology
Museum of Fine Arts	Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
Plimoth Plantation	Historic Deerfield
Salem	Boston's Freedom Trail
Fort Ticonderoga, NY	Mashantucket Pequot Museum, CT
Tomaquag Museum, RI	Minute Man National Historical Park
Saugus Iron Works	Museum of African American History (Boston)
Strawberry Banke, NH	National Heritage Museum
Abbe Museum, ME	Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, VT