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# ASFS Fifth Grade

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Back to School Night

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# Meet the Team

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- Olivia Anderson
    - Classroom Teacher
  - Krysten Caven
    - Classroom Teacher
  - Lisa Gallagher
    - Classroom Teacher
  - Sarah Hansrote
    - Classroom Teacher
  - Aileen Mavity
    - Classroom Teacher
  - Emily Garcia
    - Special Education
  - Melissa Idell
    - Special Education
  - Jeanie Chai
    - EL Teacher
  - Raphael Villacrusis
    - Gifted Services
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# Specials

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This year, students are attending Specials by homeroom and FLES classes are grouped by whether they are in band, orchestra, or are not playing an instrument.

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# Homeroom Activities

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	Modules	Homeroom
Science		✓
Math	✓	
Reading/Writing (ELA)/ Social Studies		✓
Field Trips, Conferences, School-Wide Events, Holiday Parties		✓

We continue grade-level team planning to provide integration and consistency across all curricular areas.

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# What information is used to determine core class placement?

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- Classes are developed with thoughtful reflection from teachers and administration.
  - Groupings are based upon each child's present level of performance.
  - SOLs and APS assessment data from prior years
  - DRA, PALS, DSA scores from prior year
  - Math Inventory
  - Quarterly Power Tests
  - Identification (Special Education, EL, Gifted)
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# Grading

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Students' grades will consist of:

- Tests and Projects (65%)
- Quizzes (35%)

Classwork and homework will not be considered as part of the academic grade. Classwork will be used to deliver feedback to students as they progress through the material. Classwork and homework completion will factor into Effort and Work and Social Skills scores.

Students will receive a progress report halfway through each quarter and a report card at the end of each quarter.

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# Work Submission

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Homework, classwork, and projects are expected to be submitted on the due date. Late projects will be accepted no more than one week late with the understanding that 10% of the earned grade will be deducted for each day that an assignment is late.

If work cannot be submitted on the due date due to a planned absence, students will submit their assignments before that absence or after if special arrangements have been made prior to the absence. If work cannot be submitted on the due date due to an unplanned absence (ex. illness, family emergency, etc.), students have 2 days following their return to submit the assignments before a penalty is incurred.\* If an assignment cannot be submitted on its due date due to school closure (ex. snow day), it is due the next day that school is in session.

\*If an unplanned, extenuating circumstance is more prolonged, decisions will be made on an individual basis.

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# Test “Retake” Policy

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Students are permitted to “retake” tests (with the exception of APS Quarterly PowerTests). This “retake” policy will allow students to earn half credit for corrected problems that were missed during the initial assessment opportunity.

To earn this credit, students must show their work and/or explain their new, corrected answers and resubmit the test within one week from it being handed back.

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# Homework

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Students should expect to have the following homework regularly:

- Regular math review (Mon-Thurs)
- 30+ minutes of nightly reading
- Long-term projects to complete over time

Overall, students should expect to spend no more than 60 minutes on homework per night, not including 30 minutes of reading.

Assignments written, as a class, in assignment book daily.

Student is expected to have homework on the day it is due. Late homework will affect the student's Effort grade and Work Habits grade.

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# 5th Grade Dues

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- The Fifth Grade will be collecting dues at the beginning of the school year to cover payment for various field trips and class activities.
  - **We are asking that each student contribute \$75 by Sept. 13, 2019. (Cash or check made out to ASFS.)**
  - This amount covers:
    - Field trips: Hemlock, Outdoor Lab overnight, Smithsonian museum
    - Time for Kids subscription
    - Supplies for academic activities, such as Global Celebration
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# 5th Grade Dues

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- It is our hope that all students are able to enjoy and participate in all fifth grade activities. Parents who have questions or concerns should contact their child's homeroom teacher.
  - Thank you for your support in making our school year a memorable one!
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# 5th Grade Website & Google Calendar

<http://asfs.apsva.us/classrooms/grade-5/>

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- Google Calendar - ASFS website  
Grade-level specific dates
- Google Classroom  
Class specific dates



# Fall Conferences

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- SignUp.com (formerly Volunteer Spot) is used to schedule conferences
    - **An email will be sent out two weeks prior to conferences.**
  - Fall Conferences are:
    - October 24 and October 25
  - Conference will be with your child's homeroom teacher
    - All subject information will be discussed
  - Conference topics
    - Student performance on assessments
    - How does your child learn best?
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# Technology

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- 1-to-1 iPads
  - Laptops in all classrooms
  - APS Acceptable Use Agreement - signature from both parent and child to be able to use technology
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# Behavior Expectations

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Refocus forms will be issued after a warning when students disrupt the classroom environment. Students will bring home the refocus form for parents to sign and then return it to the teacher.

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# Refocus Forms

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- Should a student receive three refocus forms, a parent-teacher-student conference will be requested.
  - Once five refocus forms have been issued, the student will lose the next fifth grade privilege.
  - Students on Tech Crew, News Team or Safety Patrol may receive additional consequences. Please contact Mr. Harvey or Mr. Ludwick for details.
    - [charles.harvey@apsva.us](mailto:charles.harvey@apsva.us)
    - [robert.ludwick@apsva.us](mailto:robert.ludwick@apsva.us)
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# Volunteer/Chaperone Opportunities

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**Interested in being a room parent?** Email your child's homeroom teacher to volunteer.

We still need a few more parents for Hemlock.

We need lots of **chaperones** at the end of the year for our annual Smithsonian museum trip.

Classroom volunteering and chaperoning are dependent on registering in the main office.

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