

# Ms. Wall's 5th Grade Math/Science Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 5th Grade! This is my 28th year teaching and 11 of those years have been in 5th grade. I will be your child's math and science teacher and Mrs. Rawitt will be their Reading, Writing and Social Studies teacher. Math is my passion and I hope to pass it along to your child. I taught 6th grade science for a couple years and really enjoy watching the children learn to think like scientist. This year a great foundation will be set for your child as we prepare them to transition to middle school. When asked what is my "why" for teaching... I respond "The Kids!"

This year will start your child on a path towards their future math track in middle school. The 5th Grade Math FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) score will determine what level your child will be placed in middle school (Standard, Advanced or Honors) along with teacher recommendation.

The stakes are raised this year in Science as the children will be taking their first Science FSA. The state standards are rigorous and there are many of them. We will focus on the 5th grade science standards with a review of the 3rd and 4th grade standards, as well.

We will be using the county adopted series *enVision Florida Mathematics and HMH Science Florida*. They cover the 5th Grade Florida Standards and do a wonderful job preparing for the FSA state standardized test. We will use the consumable textbooks that go with the math and science series along with many other supplemental curriculum materials.

The planner will be written in daily by the teachers and your child will be required to copy it into their planner. The daily planner is the best and most current form of communication for knowing due dates, classwork that needs to be completed and nightly homework. Some of the weekly assignments will have set due dates, but due to how much of the day's lesson is completed will determine other homework. Please check your child's planner and ask them to show you they have completed assignments before you sign the planner nightly.

We are using a team point behavior system to foster Character Counts! It will involve team rewards. I would greatly appreciate your support in donating candy that is individually wrapped. Please NO peanuts!

The best way to contact me is through email: [Melanie.Wall@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Melanie.Wall@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

I am looking forward to an exciting school year with your child!!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Melanie Wall

## **ITEMS TO BRING TO MATH DAILY:**

**Three Ring Binder** will be used for all subjects and the blue Teachers...Parents Communicator folder will be clipped in with information for parents to keep and loose homework papers. The planner and a pencil pouch is to be kept in the three ring binder.

**Math Journal and Science Journal** are the two spiral notebooks requested from the supply list. They will be used for daily lessons and notes in each subject. The journals will count as a grade at the end of the nine week period.

**Math Folder** will hold the morning work for math (Math 4 Today-M4T)

**Planners** are the tool for communication of assignments and due dates. The children will be writing daily in their planners so you will know in advance when a test is coming. I will be writing in my planner at the end of each class period for the children to copy.

\* Language Arts and Social Studies information in on the back.

