

Welcome to Fifth Grade

The Denver Green School



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Ms. Kent & Ms. Weymouth



Ms. Kent

- I am excited to start my 3rd full year at DGS as a 5th grade teacher.
- I was teaching in the MS and Internal Sub at DGS, before that I was a high school teacher
- I enjoy running, hiking, traveling, and snowboarding when I am not at DGS.



Ms. Weymouth

- This will be my fourth year teaching. I previously taught in Tampa and Orlando, Florida.
- This will be my second year teaching 5th grade math at DGS
- I enjoy hiking, running, yoga, and spending time with my pups, Jedi and Gypsy

Hopes, Dreams, Worries, and Questions

Circle the room and jot down any Hopes, Dreams, Worries, or Questions you have about 5th grade.

As you read others responses think about the following questions:

1. What are some common HDW or Q?
2. What are our common goals as a community?
3. What can we all do to work towards these goals this year?

Family Handbook

Arrival:

- Breakfast is at 7:30
- Playground supervision for ECE - 4th grade starts at 7:45. **NO** ECE - 4th graders on playground before 7:45.
- 5th - 8th grade **CAN** go out to the playground starting at 7:40.
- No students in the hall before school unless they have an appointment with a teacher.
- Fifth grade parents park on the street outside DGS. Enter the building through the parking lot door at 7:40 am or line up on playground at 7:55am.

Dismissal:

- Pick ups will be dismissed from the playground.
- Bus riders will **ALWAYS** be sent home on the bus.
- Any changes to your child's after school plans **MUST be made through the office by 12:00pm**, not your child's teacher.
- Bad weather pick up will be in the gym.

Bus Transportation & Hot Lunch

BUS:

If you would like your child to ride the bus please call and put them on the list:

Transportation
720-424-4609

Routing
720-423-4624

Lunch Orders:

- Bring in a check or cash for hot lunch

OR

- ONLINE - go to [My Lunch Money.com](http://MyLunchMoney.com)

Dress Code

- No hats
- Dresses/skirts below fingers with shorts underneath.
- No spaghetti strap shirts.
- Closed toed shoes at all times.

How are we doing snack?

- 5th graders do not eat lunch until 12:30 pm. It is a LONG morning. Students should bring a healthy snack each day. DGS does not provide snacks for students.

- Please write your child's name on their snack.
- Students will not be allowed to share snacks.

Example Snacks:

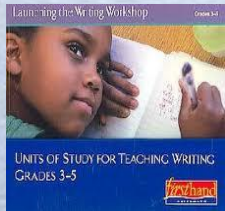
Bananas, apples, carrot sticks, oranges, yogurt, celery, etc...



Academic Excellence



Literacy:



- Balance between fiction and nonfiction
- Core skills to understand and respond
- Social Studies components in literacy



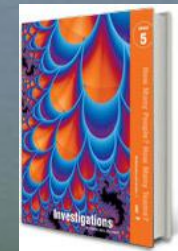
Science:

- Structure & Properties of Matter
- Earth's Systems
- Matter & Energy in Organisms & Ecosystems

Math:

- Common Core Standards
 - Operations & Algebraic Thinking
 - Number & Operations in Base Ten
 - Number & Operations -- Fractions
 - Measurement & Data
 - Geometry
- Social Studies - Economics & Finance

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Education for Sustainability Units & Field Studies Program

➤ Environmental

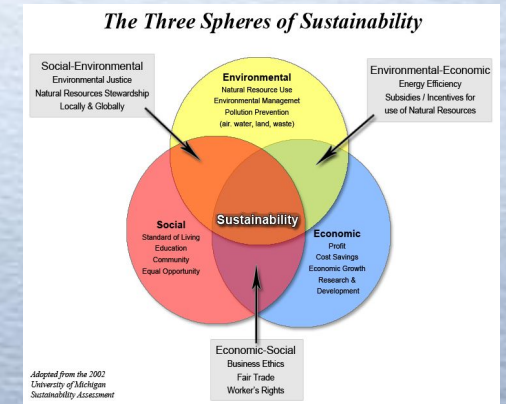
- **Sense of Place:**
 - **Balarat Outdoor Education Center**
 - **Personal Growth - guest speakers**
 - **(Ski Excursion)**

➤ Economic

- **Sustainable Economics:**
 - **Ameritowne Financial Literacy**
 - **Personal Growth - guest speakers**
 - **Sustainable economics - monthly budget**

➤ Social

- **Responsible Local & Global Citizenship:**
 - **Jamestown**
 - **American Revolution**
 - **Rights & Responsibilities**



* Student Activity Fee of \$50 helps offset the costs associated with these trips

Homework

Literacy: 30 minutes total/night

- Students read out loud: 5 minutes
- Silent Read: 15 minutes
- *Writing: Drafting, revising, or editing with support. 10 minutes

Math:

- 4 times a week
- Extension of daily grapple
- Anywhere from 10-30 minutes

Other Homework: Students may occasionally be asked to complete homework for Writing, Science, or EfS. This will usually happen if they do not complete their work in class.

Academic Detention

- 3rd-8th grade students get academic detention from teachers for not completing classwork and not completing homework.
- Monday-Thursday 3:30-4:30
- If a student has 3 unserved academic detentions, it is Saturday School: 8:30 - 11:30.
- Siblings are allowed.
- Students must attend for the entire 60 minutes. If a student is not meeting expectations and is asked to leave, they will have to serve another AD.
- Unserved AD's will result in exclusion from field day, after school clubs, sports practice and, with the discretion of the teacher, excursions.

Schedule

- 8:00am - 8:30am - Morning Meeting
- 8:30am-10:00am - Literacy/Math
- 10:00am-10:15am- Snack/Movement
- 10:15am -11:45am - Math/Literacy
- 11:45am -12:30pm - Individualized Learning Time (ILT)
- 12:30pm -1:15pm - Lunch/Recess
- 1:15pm - 2:00pm - Science
- 2:00pm - 2:45pm - Writing/EfS (Uplift)
- 2:45pm - 3:45pm - Specials

After School

Friday Afternoon Club

- DGS has early dismissal every Friday.
- Families can choose to join our Friday Afternoon Club, which provides a choice of interesting activities from 12:45-3:45.
- Remember buses leave DGS every Friday at 12:45. There are **NO** buses at 3:45 on Fridays.
- See packet for course offerings

After School Programs

- After School Specials
- Spanish
- Tutoring
- Sign up in the Main Office

PTA

- Please join!
- Meets once a month--lots of opportunities to engage.
- You will also be getting occasional e-mails and notifications from our Room Parent.
- Our goal is to have one Room Parent per class. Any volunteers?



Parent Volunteers

- In class opportunities will begin after routines are established.
- Can help at home with excursions, EfS projects, organization of events and notifications will go home in Thursday Folders or through DGS emails.

EARLY HELP NEEDED! OUR FIRST EXCURSION IS SEPTEMBER 21, WITH PREP LEADING UP TO THE EVENT!

DGS “Room Parent/Guardian”

- **The role of the Room Parent is to help us build community in our classroom.**
- **This role can look however we want it to, but needs to focus on a few things:**
 - **Inform the parent community about class happenings, school happenings**
 - **Recruit volunteers for our classroom from everything to helping with centers to field trips and special events.**
- ***We need a Room Parent Is this you?***

Before You Leave...

- Take a few moments to fill out our Parent Survey on one of the computers. The survey will also be emailed out

Thank you so much for coming, we are so excited for the school year!