

To the Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to be back at school and hope to “hit the ground running” with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. As your child’s teacher, I am extremely excited about the group of kids I have this year and hope that together, we can make this a great year for everyone.

There are a few important things I’d like to share with you. It is very important for your child to read some kind of print each night. In the student planner, there is a section to record “what” was read and for you to initial that the child has completed this reading for the night. The weekly reading story should be part of this reading at least 2 nights of the week. The other nights and weekend, the student may read non-fiction, newspaper articles, magazines, etc. As long as he/she is reading!

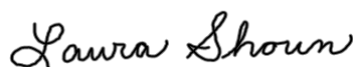
In addition to this, I have set up an account for each child through the textbook and other resource companies for your child to be able to access his/her reading, math, science, and social studies books and/or some materials at home. I understand that not all families have internet access, so this is NOT a required activity, but a benefit the textbook company provides if you do have internet access at home and choose to take advantage of it. You can also access these sites from the public library. Listed below are the websites to access the sites.

Another item to mention is that our lunch is right after noon this year, and for some students, this is an extended period of time past the time they ate breakfast. Therefore, it would be acceptable to send your child a snack each day (something healthy: fruit, crackers, etc – no junk food or candy) if you choose. Also, if you would like to bring snack for the whole class on any day, please let me know ahead of time.

I have asked that each student take home his/her assignment book every night and ask you to sign this (for homework, information, and reading log purposes). Please check this each night to make sure your child is completing the required work.

Once again, thank you for sharing your child with me in 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year. I hope we can make this one of the best years so far in your child’s educational career!

Sincerely yours,



Laura Shoun  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher

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Website: <http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com> (math, social studies, reading)

<https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com> (science)

<http://www.quia.com/profiles/lshoun> (other resources and Ms. Shoun’s class page)