# Back to School Night 

Mrs. Burdick \& Mrs. Somers 2018-2019

## Questions/Comments

- Please use post-its on the back desks to record any unanswered questions you may have Please leave your questions on the paper in the back and we will compile answers in a class email or newsletter
- 3-2-1 Paper $\rightarrow$ please send back with your child tomorrow or next week :)


## About Mrs. Burdick

- I am from Illinois. I'm not from Chicago.
- I grew up 6 miles from a town of 650 people. We were a farm family. We grew corn and soybeans.
- I always enjoyed babysitting and working with younger kids when I was a kid.
- I earned my BA in Elementary Education from Eastern Illinois University. (EIU is a state school that is well known for the education program.)
- I taught for $7 \frac{1}{2}$ years in Illinois.
- This is my third year teaching in Virginia.
- I love being a part of the Tuckahoe community!


## About Mrs. Somers

- From Richmond, VA
- Fourth year at Tuckahoe

Undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from University of Delaware

- Master's Degree in Special Education
- Lived and taught in Raleigh for 7 years



## Teaming in Fifth Grade

- Both teachers work together to address students' needs Conferences held with both teachers at the same time
Please help us by including both teachers on emails regarding your child


## Room Parents

- Mrs. Somers: Alfreda Beach \& Jeanne Ciaverelli Mrs. Burdick: Courtenay Brooks \& Marcia Winter



## Home/School Communication

- jmburdick@henrico.k12.va.us
- Insomers@henrico.k12.va.us
- Please the call school if urgent
- Class blog/website linked through 5th Grade Blog
- https://sites.google.com/henrico.k12. va.us/burdick/home
- www.Mrssomers5thgrade.weebly.com
- Remind App
- Tuesday Folders
- SeeSaw App


## Parent Portal

- Grades updated every other Thursday
- Helpful to know this application during middle school course selection


## Transportation

- Changes in transportation must be made in writing
Busses not allowed for play dates Please use change of transportation form on TES website


## Administrative Notes

- Students should only be calling home for emergencies (not missing assignments, etc.)
- Please call the school on the day your child is absent.
- Absences will be marked unexcused if there is no parent contact within 24 hours of the absence.
- 5th unexcused absence- social worker
- 7th unexcused absence- court


## Homework

- Time for 5 th graders is 60 minutes
- Homework folder
- Posted on website
- TES agendas
- Wordly Wise
- Homework grade (responsibility grade of 100 factored into Reading, Writing, Math, Science, \& SS grade)
- Completed in T.A.P.- only 2 points deducted


## T.A.P. (Teacher Assistance Program)

- One fifth grade teacher will be available for T.A.P. each day during recess, giving students the opportunity to:
- work on missed assignments
- earn points back from a missed homework assignment
- "get ahead of the game" -in anticipation of a busy evening with limited time for homework


## Supply Organization

- Book Bins
- Reader's Notebook
- Writing Notebook
- Math/Science Notebook
- Binder- pencil pouch, agenda, tabs
- Homework Folder
- Holder Folder


## Support at Home

- Encourage child to bring the same book home and back to school each day
Ask your child about what he or she is reading
- Encourage your child to find evidence from the text to support their thinking
- Review assessments in Tuesday Folder
- Scholastic Book Orders--Bonus Points!


## The 40 Book Challenge

- Designed to encourage reading a variety of genres
- Pairs perfectly with Book Bonanza Encourages students to be thinking about what they want to read next!


## Reading Workshop

- Whole Group Mini-Lesson (comprehension strategy or vocabulary)
- Read to Self (develop stamina by reading independently)
- Work on Writing (respond to reading)
- Word Work (vocabulary)
- Small Group Instruction (strategy groups and guided reading)
- Book Clubs


## Reading--First Quarter

- Develop reading stamina
- Context clues
- Synonyms, antonyms, homophones
- Summarize fiction and nonfiction text
- Make predictions
- Use text features to comprehend nonfiction tex $\dagger$
- Locate information in nonfiction text


## English--First Quarter

- Use a variety of prewriting strategies
- Identify an intended audience
- Organize information to convey a central idea
- Write a clear topic sentence
- Use apostrophes for contractions
- Edit for fragments and run-on sentences
- Eliminate double negatives


## Math--First Quarter

- Prime vs. Composite and Even vs. Odd - Whole Number and Decimal Practical Problems
- Order of Operations
- Decimal Computation
- Rounding Decimals


## Science--First Quarter

- Scientific Investigations
- Earth \& Rocks
- Oceans

Review of some 4th grade topics

* Encourage your child to bring their math and science notebook home when they have homework.
*Study flashcards for science. These flashcards cover key concepts.


## Social Studies

- Quarter 1: Henrico County \& Map Skills - Henrico Board of Supervisors has proclaimed October as Henrico County History Month
- Later this year, the regions of the US
- The 5th Grade Curriculum is strongly based on the Geography standards found in the 6th and 7th Grade SOLs to prepare rising 6th grade students for the US History Course

