

## 5TH GRADE

Dear Fifth Grader,

Welcome to middle school and 5th grade! We are very eager to meet you. Some new activities that you will enjoy as fifth graders are band, Science Camp, animals and your own ChromeBook. Padded cases are provided by school.

Our school Open House will be Monday, August 22nd from 4:30-6:30, and our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 23rd, which will be a half day, with dismissal at 11:40.

**If you change your band instrument please email**

[meverett@kcsa.org](mailto:meverett@kcsa.org)

Here is a list of supplies for school: (please label all items with name or initials)



- **Case it - 13 expanding file with handle and shoulder strap** (Amazon has this [here](#). We have tried others and this is the best way to organize fifth graders & will be taken to all classes. Any color will work. We will help students label this the first week of school.)
- **Beach towel** (keep in locker and use to sit on outside or in the hall)
- **Kleenex** (share with class)
- **Highlighter** (one or two of any colors)
- **earbuds or headphones** (ones that will last all year long)
- **Reusable water bottle**
- **pencil case bag** with 3 ring holes for putting in your math binder
- **1 - 1" hardback Binder** for math
- **1 - 1" binder SI LA** Language Arts (English LA doesn't need one)
- **Binder index dividers SI LA**
- **Pencil box** (keep supplies in locker)
- **Pencils** (20 or more, 10 for classroom supply) & **eraser**
- **Crayons, colored pencils OR markers**
- **Colored pens** (choose from green, purple, red, blue....need 2)

- **Glue sticks** (needed each week for spelling so a 4-6 are needed for the year)
- **scissors**
- **5 -70 count spiral** notebooks-one for spelling, Bible, science, math, & LA (plastic spirals work best so if you get the cheaper ones an extra is helpful)
- **backpack** that will fit in your locker
- MultiView **calculator** (TI-34 suggested. This will be used all through KCMS)
- extra pair of outdoor **tennis shoes** to keep in your locker (optional)
- change of clothes for **gym class and deodorant**
  - a small bag works well to keep your gym clothes in
  - Please don't get your ears pierced at the end of the summer because earrings (and all jewelry) MUST be taken out for gym & IM

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you at the Open House.  
 In Christ,  
 The 5th Grade Teachers

(We hope you have a fun summer finding lots of interesting insects. Email Mrs. Meyer with questions about the collection [kmeyer@kcsa.org](mailto:kmeyer@kcsa.org))

## Hello Fifth Grader!

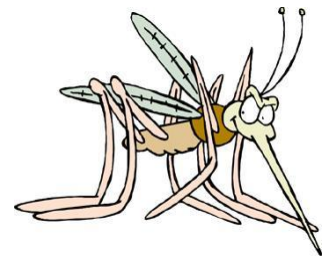
We are looking forward to the fall and didn't want you to get bored over the summer! So, we have a fun idea for you. Our first science unit will be on classifying animals so our first project will be collecting and identifying insects! If you collect most of your insects in the summer, when they are plentiful, then you will feel less stressed in the fall. Don't feel too bad for the insects, they would die as soon as it gets cold. Your family can help too and insect nets can be bought at the dollar store. The easiest method to kill them is to put them in a

plastic container in the freezer. If it is just too pretty or cool you can take a picture instead.

The insects just need to be displayed neatly. They can be pinned into foam in a shoebox or into cardboard in a shadow box. A cheap three dimensional plastic frame works well too. We'll have ideas on displays for you at parents' night in the fall but please keep it simple, but neat.

Insects are a class of organisms that belong to the phylum, Arthropoda. Besides insects, this phylum also includes centipedes, millipedes, spiders, crayfish and other organisms which aren't insects. Insects are also organized into different groups called "orders". *An insect's most distinguishing characteristic is that it has **six legs**. Make sure you are **only collecting insects** and not other organisms from the Arthropoda phylum.*

Enclosed is a page of examples of some of the insect orders with their common names or you can check out the sites listed. While you are collecting, remember that some insects bite or secrete toxic chemicals (caterpillars). It is wise to handle all insects with care. If you are allergic to bee and wasp bites, have someone else collect them or omit them from your collection.



## **6TH GRADE**

Dear Sixth Graders (and Parents!),

Hello! We hope you have all been enjoying your summer! In a few short weeks, we will be back to school. We are SO excited to meet you and have you in our classes this year! We encourage you to begin the new school year by coming with a positive attitude and a desire to

do your very best! The school Open House will be Monday, August 22 from 4:30-6:30, and our first day will be a half day on Tuesday, August 23, with dismissal at 11:40.

To help you prepare for 6th grade, we have created a list of items that you should have:

- Chromebook **& case** - fully charged each day, ready to go!
- Pencils -- a lot!
- Pens (any color)
- Four 1-inch/3-ring binders with pocket folders in the front and back. These will be used for LA, Science, Bible and Social Studies. Please label them (according to subject) on the front cover & side, along with the student's name on the front.
- 1 two-pocket folder for keeping track of math homework & papers
- 1 package of 8 divider tabs for science binder
- 1 composition or spiral notebook (for Math)
- NIV Bible -- the one you've used in past years is fine, whether you are an SI or English student
- Scientific calculator - TI-34 **with student's name on the cover AND the actual calculator** (students will continue to use this in 7th & 8th grade).
- Ruler
- Colored pencils, crayons OR markers
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- An art sketchbook
- Zippered pencil holder (or something similar to organize/contain things)
- Earbuds for Chromebook -- pricey air pods are NOT recommended

We look forward to a great year ahead and meeting you soon! :)

In Christ,

The 6th Grade Team

## ***7TH GRADE***

**Dear 7th Grader and Parents,**

We hope and pray that you will have a safe and fulfilling summer filled with rest and relaxation.

Listed below is a list of what you will need for next year. Our school Open House will be on Monday, August 22nd from 4:30-6:30, and our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 23rd, which is half-day, dismissing at 11:40.

Early in the year, we will have a 7th/8th Grade Parent Meeting. This meeting gives insight into your adolescents and what you can expect this year in seventh grade.

In the meantime, please keep this new year in your thoughts and prayers as together we try to provide the best possible Christ-centered education for each student.

Yours in Christ,

7th Grade Team

**\*\* Please look for an updated list as the start to the school year nears.**

#### 7th Grade Supply Lists

- Bible (paper, not on Chromebook)
- Loose leaf paper
- 6 Folders
- 5 Spiral notebooks (1 for each Core subject)
- Pencils (plenty)
- 2-3 Pens for grading (colorful)
- 1-2 Highlighters
- Scissors
- Markers and/or Colored Pencils
- 1 package of (3 x 5) lined note cards
- 1 Fine-tipped Sharpie
- A Ruler with Centimeters & Inches
- Protractor
- Mathematical compass
- A Calculator (6th grade calculator) T1-34 if possible
- A Standard Art Sketchbook
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 1" binder for LA or SS

#### Additional Supply List for Spanish Immersion

- 1 Spiral Notebook (this is one of the 5 notebooks listed above)
- 1 2" 3-ring binder

**\* Access to the Internet (from home) would be beneficial, but it is not required. (Please talk to your teachers if you do not have internet access at home.)**

**\* Some encore classes may require additional supplies which will be announced the 1st day of class.**

**8TH GRADE**

Greetings 8th grade students and families of the 2022-2023 school year!

We are excited for next year and we are really looking forward to developing some meaningful relationships with you! Our school Open House will be on Monday, August 22nd from 4:30-6:30, and our first day of school will be on Tuesday, August 23rd, which will be a half day, with dismissal at 11:40.

We also realize that some of you like to get a jump on supplies. Having the proper tools and being organized are two very important aspects in having a successful year!

General Supplies:

- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Pens AND pencils
- Colored pens and pencils for posters and projects
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Scissors

Class Supplies:

- Students must have five individual 1” binders with loose-leaf filler paper for each class.
- Spanish Immersion students need one spiral notebook.
- One spiral notebook for daily devotion reflection
- A personal devotional book for quiet time with God for 10 minutes each day (You can pick something up at your local Christian bookstore or online.) Many personal devotional books are available to borrow during the year from 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers upon request as another option.
- Bible [Chromebook does not count]
- Beach towel [for outdoor class to help with social distancing]

Math

- 1” Binder: Each pre-algebra and algebra student need a separate 1” binder.
- Calculators: You will need a basic scientific calculator. They typically cost \$10-\$15. If you desire, you can buy your own TI graphing calculator, but it is not required! These calculators are used at KCHS and at most colleges. Many online graphing calculators are free and available for use.

Although Bible, Devotionals, and Calculator sites are available on the Chromebook, due to student discernment concerns, there will be times that they may not use their Chromebook to access these resources during class. So we do ask that each student bring a physical book or calculator to class.

We are praying for you and we ask that you pray for us as we look forward to an exciting year of growing together (hopefully) in Christ!

In Christ,

The Eighth Grade Team