

4th & 5th Grade Syllabus

August 2021

Welcome! A new school year has officially started! The 4th and 5th grade advisors have been working together to plan engaging and meaningful activities for our scholars. This syllabus is filled with information scholars and parents will find helpful for this school year.

VISIT US ON THE WEB!

www.furlowcharter.org

Find advisor webpages:

- At the top of the school's webpage, hover over **About Us**.
- Click on **Faculty & Staff** and scroll down to the Teaching Staff.
- Click on the small arrow next to the advisor's page that you want to access.



- Emails and other types of contacts will be replied to within 24 hours.
- Your scholar's advisor will contact you with his/her Class Dojo code if you have not already signed up. This is one of our main forms of communication and class updates.
- Due to internet connectivity, email will be the best way of contacting your scholar's advisor regarding important information. Dojo messages are great, but they aren't always immediately received.

Below are the Class Dojo parent invitation links for each 4th/5th advisor. Select your advisor and join the class!

Mrs. Faust
<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CAAMTYT>

Ms. Gerlach
<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C3PAA5P>

Mrs. Holcomb - HYPERLINK
<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=C449JS6>

Mrs. Stephens - HYPERLINK
<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CCWZTWR>

Mrs. Burgess - HYPERLINK
<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CEMDFDB>

Advisor Emails

4th Grade

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lgerlach@furlowcharter.org

5th Grade

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nholcomb@furlowcharter.org
nstephens@furlowcharter.org

Endangered Species: **Classroom Instructional Time**

All conferences and parent contacts will take place during advisor planning or after school. We want to protect instructional time. In the event of an emergency during the school day, please contact the front office at 229-931-8667.

Mon., August 9	First Day of School
Mon., September 6	Labor Day
Fri., September 17	Early Release & Parent Conferences
Fri., October 8	Professional Learning Day/Scholar Holiday
Mon., October 11	Fall Break
Wed., October 13	Report Cards
Fri., November 19	Early Release & Parent Conferences
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Holidays
Fri., December 17	Early Release & Professional Learning
Dec. 20- Jan. 2	Winter Break
Mon., January 3	Scholars & Staff Return
Wed., January 12	Report Cards
Mon., January 17	MLK Holiday
Fri., February 18	Early Release & Parent Conferences
Mon., February 21	Mid-Winter Break
Wed., March 16	Report Cards
April 4-8	Spring Break
Thur., May 19	Graduation
Fri., May 20	Last Day of School & Early Release
Fri., June 3	Grades 9-12 Report Card Pickup

Class Supply Wish List

While CARES funds were used to purchase some teacher requested school supplies, the following items were posted to the school's website as Wish List Items.

- Clear water bottles - labeled with scholar's name
- Crayons/colored pencils/markers
- Pencil pouch or crayon box (if desired)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Personal bottle of hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- First Aid Kit items (bandaids, Neosporin, anti-itch cream, cough drops, etc)
- Individually wrapped candy for the candy jar
- Colorful cardstock for school projects

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Learning Hours:

Safe
On Time
Accountable
Respectful

Arrival - 7:30
Tardy - 8:00
Dismissal - 3:15

Safety Expectations

- Masks are strongly recommended.
- Masks should be worn in common areas.
- Scholars should wash hands, use hand sanitizer, and regularly keep their hands off others.

INSPIRE

Inquire – ask questions
Negotiate – compromise
Serve – help others
Pledge – promise to be responsible
Influence – to be a positive leader
Reflect – continually improve
Envision – plan for the future



Classroom and Academic Expectations

Backpacks: Backpacks will be hung or placed on shelves in the classroom. Scholars will unpack their book bags in the morning and return to them at the end of the day.

Visitors: Currently, parents, community members, and guest presenters are allowed to come into the building. A driver's license or photo ID is needed for all adults, and a computerized check-in process will be followed. We look forward to working with others to bring well-rounded instruction to the learning experience.

Change of Plans: If something comes up during the day and your scholar will go home a different way than normal, call the office to have a message relayed to your scholar's advisor.

Nurse Expectations: Remember the nurse station is the hotspot for illnesses. Keep this in mind. Send cough drops, Chapstick, etc. when there's a simple issue. Encourage your child to be more aware of actual medical needs. We have some first aid items in the classroom for cuts, scraps, and itching.

Required Projects: FCS is committed to providing a hands-on education through project-based learning.

- | 4th Grade | 5th Grade |
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| 1. Genre Study | 1. Genre Study |
| 2. Furlow Quilt | 2. Careers |

Water Bottles: Water bottle filling stations will be accessible, but the water fountain will not be available for drinking. Scholars are encouraged to bring a refillable bottle for class use. Small plastic cups are provided, but they are small.

Homework: Scholars will be reading regularly and working with content specific vocabulary. A few math review problems will likely be coming home as well. If you find homework is taking hours, please reach out to your child's advisor. This should not be the case.

Google Classroom: Scholars will be using Google Classroom for some assignments, materials, and updates. Below are student invite codes. Ask your child to share with you what we're doing in class!

- **4th Grade - one Google Classroom for all scholars**
 - 4th Grade code: **tswpgnc**
- **5th Grade - individual Google Classrooms for each advisor**
 - Burgess- **3rzt5ho**
 - Holcomb- **j3wtkfi**
 - Stephens- **tw7qj2i**

Grading Scale and Late Policy: Work is due on the due date for the full credit. Late work will be deducted by 10 points and receive a 0 after 3 days. This work will not be made up at a later time.

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
F = 0-69

4th Grade Overview

Assignments and grades can be viewed in Google Classroom and/or Infinite Campus. If you need IC login information, please contact the front office. Wednesday Couriers will be sent home each week, along with other forms, flyers, and updates.

	Reading	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
4 th Grade Units of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Love. Ruby Lavender</u> • <u>I Survived: Extreme Weather</u> • <u>Fighting Ground</u> • <u>Among the Hidden</u> • <u>Who is Neil Armstrong?</u> • <u>Land of Stories</u> • <u>Poetry, Prose, Drama</u> • <u>Fairy Tales/Fables</u> • <u>Legends, Tall Tales, Folktales, Mythology</u> • <u>Shades of Grey</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion Writing • Informational Writing • Fictional Narrative • Compare and Contrast Essay • Reading Response • Parts of Speech • Punctuation • Dictionary Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Numbers, Place Value, Rounding in Computation • Multiplication • Division • Fractions • Decimals • Measurement • Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Cycle • Weather • Ecosystems • Sound • Light • Solar System • Force and Motion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • American Revolution • Forming a New Nation • Westward Exp. • Abolition and Suffrage • Civil War • Reconstruction
Graded Assignments for 4 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests • Quizzes • Projects • Novel Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests • Quizzes • Published Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests • Quizzes • Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests • Quizzes • Projects • Lab Investigations • Research Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests • Quizzes • Projects • Research Notes

5th Grade Overview

Assignments and grades can be viewed in Google Classroom and/or Infinite Campus. If you need IC login information, please contact the front office. Wednesday Couriers will be sent home each week, along with other forms, flyers, and updates.

	Reading & Writing	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
5th Grade Units of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Love, Ruby Lavender</u> • <u>Rikki Tikki Tavi</u> • Genre Study • <u>Mrs. Frisby of Nimh</u> • Opinion Writing • Narrative Writing • Informational Writing • Information Texts • <u>I Survived Pearl Harbor</u> • <u>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</u> • <u>Love that Dog</u> • Poetry, Drama, Prose • Helen Keller biography • <u>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Spiral Review • Parts of Speech • Multiple Meaning Words • Synonyms • Antonyms • Reference • Materials • Figurative Language • Transitions • Punctuation • Affixes/Roots • Compound and Complex sentences • Shifting Verb Tenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order of Operation • Place Value • Fractions • Decimals • Multiplication • 2D Figures • Division • Measurement • Coordinate • Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microorganisms • Cells • Chemical and Physical Changes • Constructive and Destructive Forces • Electricity • Magnetism • Animal/Plant Classification • Learned Behaviors and Inherited Traits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction • Turn of the Century • WWI • Post WWI • Great Depression • WWII • Cold War • 1950s-1970s • 1975-2001
Graded Assignments for 5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests and Quizzes • Projects • Novel Study Tasks • Class Assignments • Interactive Notebook • Vocabulary • Practice Work • Video Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Quizzes • DLR Tasks • IXL Skills • Class Activities • Interactive Notebook • Practice Work • Journal Prompts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests & Quizzes • Math Centers • Projects • In Class Tasks • Interactive Notebook • Practice Work • IXL Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests/Quizzes • Projects • In Class Tasks • Interactive Notebook • Practice Work • Video Notes • Lab Notes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tests/Quizzes • Projects • In Class Tasks • Interactive Notebook • Practice Work • Video Notes • Studies Weekly