



SCHOOL SUCCESS STRATEGIES

and SURVIVAL GUIDE for 5th GRADERS

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Here's what you will love about Fifth Grade: **variety!**

You'll have a variety of subjects in rotating classes, several teachers, a fun, active schedule, and opportunities to be with a mix of wonderful friends!

Six strategies that will help you navigate 5th grade include:

+1 Strategy: Smile, and have fun! Try new things: audition for a part in Missoula, learn an instrument, make a new friend, try a sport!

+2 Strategy: Be ready to learn!

- In Math, you will learn about fractions, graphs, algebra, and geometry. If you want reinforcement or review, you can find additional help and practice problems from Glencoe Math Connects Course 1 online student edition at glencoe.mheducation.com.
- In Science, you will learn about the solar system, weather, energy, and ecosystems. You will experiment, investigate, observe, and solve! If you want to review or study, you can find support from Harcourt School Publishers online student edition at www.hspscience.com.
- In Social Studies, you will learn about our colonial history and how we became a new country: the United States of America!
- You will read some awesome books!
 - ◆ *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis
 - ◆ *Summer of the Monkeys*, by Wilson Rawls
 - ◆ *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio
 - ◆ *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry
 - ◆ *The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor
 - ◆ *Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth Speare
 - ◆ *Egypt Game*, by Zilpha Snyder
 - ◆ *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth Speare
 - ◆ *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, by Washington Irving
 - ◆ *Blood on the River*, by Elisa Carbone

+3 Strategy: Don't stress over homework! Homework is finishing up what you didn't complete in class (you'll have plenty of time for your classwork), working on projects, or studying.

+4 Strategy: Start out and stay organized!

- Agendas are a good reminder of upcoming assignments, and let your parents know what you're learning.
- Lockers store your stuff neatly.
- For each class, have separate folders, know what supplies and books you'll need, and keep up with assignments.
- Know your schedule, and be on time.

+5 Strategy: Be responsible and self-sufficient! As a 5th grader, you're expected to be independent, motivated, and persistent: you are capable of doing hard things!

+6 Strategy: Be kind. Have the courage to be friendly, caring, loving, and respectful to *everyone*. In other words, treat *everyone* the way you want to be treated!