

The Sterling Elementary 5th/6th Grade Newsletter

Welcome Back to School!

Sterling Elementary
Drawer 89, Sterling, AK 99672
5th/6th Grade
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The 5th/6th Grade Teachers

Wow! This year is well under way! Welcome to October! This month we will be completing the first quarter!

This will be Mrs. Knobloch's second year teaching at Sterling. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Northern Kentucky University and is currently pursuing her Master of Arts in Education Technology from Morehead State University. When not teaching, she loves to spend time with her husband and her dog exploring Alaska!

Brian Krauklis has joined the 5th/6th grade team after moving from Houston, TX. He has taught 5th grade for 27 years. He is excited about moving to Alaska and is known to be a big University of Texas Longhorns fan!



Upcoming Year!

This year is going to be very exciting! We will be using personal learning to enhance future learning, leadership, social skills, and teamwork.

Students will also experience a blended learning class with access to online learning, interactive SMARTboard activities, Kindles, laptops, and activity centers

This Month's Assignments

Continue building a classroom/school community! We will continue focusing on playground expectations and introduce buddie classrooms and how we can share with and help younger students.

Language Arts

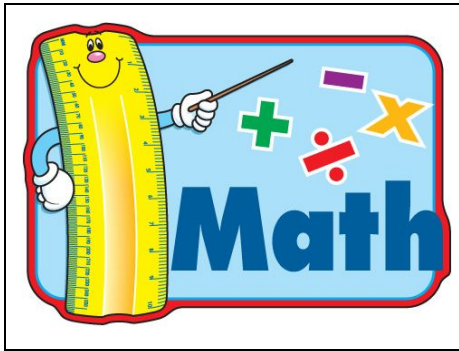
Students have completed their first narrative writing with a final draft with amazing results. 5th/6th graders - THANKS for all your hard work!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3VoenSM4c>

Andra Day's song - Rise Up says it all! We will be working on our district narrative writing assessment next!

Reading will begin using novels as part of our learning experiences. Students should have their Reading Logs and record their times on the log each day (or night). Students should read at least 20 minutes per day.

Spelling words will be limited to ten per week and will be based on spelling errors within writing assignments. Students will test each other every Friday.



Students will be on an A/B schedule in math class this year. Students will spend one day in whole group learning and then have time for independent practice. The next day, students will have a chance to visit math centers that give them opportunities to problem solve through a variety of activities, pace themselves, and work independently or with peers.



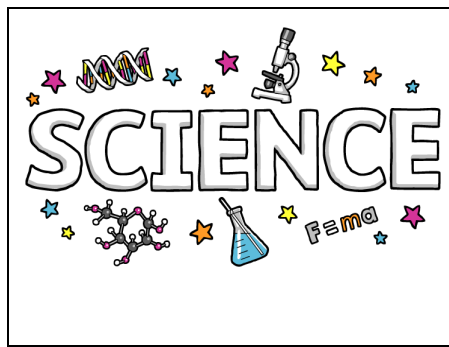
A Days: 5th Grade will be in whole group; 6th grade will be in rotations.

B Days: 5th grade will be in rotations; 6th grade will be in whole group.

Students will access Google Classroom twice a week for their homework which will be math videos from our curriculum.

Reminders to Students

- Bring umbrella in case it rains
- Bring lunch money if having HOT lunches
- Donated snacks and bottled water are greatly appreciated (No healthy snacks provided this school year)
- Don't forget your popcorn money on Fridays! (.50 / bag)



We have started science and are beginning work on the Scientific Method. Please make sure your child has a notebook as we are trying to create our interactive science notebooks (ISN).



Social Studies will involve Citizenship for both grades. 5th grade will be studying important events in American history while 6th grade will be expanding their knowledge of geography.

Thank You Students!

For being in our classes and doing your best! For working hard and growing your minds! For participating in our first PBIS celebration in a respectful, responsible, and safe manner! You are becoming leaders in our school!

Other Subjects

Health

Starting September, we will be studying **The Great Body Shop** for one hour weekly.

Computer Safety

KPBSD has implemented the website **Common Sense Media** <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> to teach students about internet safety.

Contacting Us!

Anytime by phone 262-4944, or just drop by the classroom! We believe in an "Open-door" policy! Just make sure you have your volunteer status up-to-date. We will get back to you ASAP or call the school.

Reminders to Parents About Homework

This years homework will consist of any work not completed in class. No additional homework will be assigned. If students have access to technology and the internet, we have provided a To Do List for the week, including websites that we will be using in class.

- <https://sterling-elementary.typingclub.com> - typing
- <https://www.getepic.com> - reading
- <https://code.org/> - coding