

The Jarrett Report

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Welcome

I would like to welcome all of you to 5th grade. We will be having a very busy year and I will try to keep you as up to date and informed as possible. My personal classroom Website is www.Unitedstudentsofjarrett.net. You should be able to locate homework, newsletters, assignment rubrics, study sheets, e-mail access from this site. Each child will have their own web page as well under the roster section. I need for you to please sign permission for your child's picture to appear on their page or I will only be placing their projects on this page. This is a special page that the children really like and is great to give to grandparents to show what they are doing in school.

New Classroom Set-Up

I would like to thank all of the parents that have worked with me to make the Non-Traditional classroom set up possible by donating items for the classroom, building at standing desk (Awesome), or coming in and helping me clean and reorganize. I am amazed at how it has come together. I will be sending out pictures this week to show you what it looks like and how the kids are adjusting. This is going to be an awesome year.

Scrapbook

Each week the children are responsible for creating 1 scrapbook page. The requirements for this page are as follows:

1. Needs to be personal
2. 3 type written paragraphs
3. picture(s) if possible
4. Decorated/designed

I have lots of materials in the classroom if your child needs additional materials to decorate their page with. ****Helpful Hint-** These are due on Thursdays, but it is a great project to work ahead on.

This year I am also providing an online Scrapbook option using <http://www.mixbook.com/> You must add me as a collaborator/contributor- I will be able to then have access to the page to grade. I will also be able to upload photos I have taken that could be used for a scrapbook page if your child would like. To add me as collaborator use usofj@hotmail.com. At the end of the year you will then have the option to purchase the scrapbook your child has created on line.

Agenda

This week we will be having a contest to determine the cover for the USJ Agenda. The top two covers will be color copied and used as our Agenda covers for the year. Winners will also be recognized on their web pages. Please send in \$5 to cover the cost of the agenda.

USJ Shirt

This week we will be designing and deciding upon a T-shirt to be ordered to wear weekly. This shirt will be a place to earn awards when students have behaved well, worked hard, or read a lot. Student government will have input on the shirt award system as well. I will be ordering the shirts on Friday and they should be in within 1-2 weeks. **The cost of the shirt will be \$11.00.** Please indicate the size needed for the shirt. This allows us to have 2 colors printed on the front of the shirt.

Class DoJo

Most of you have already received an e-mail asking you to join Class DoJo. It is basically a class behavior system as well as Facebook for our class alone. Some spectacular things could be shared with the school as well. It will allow me to send photos out to you to let you know what we are doing in class as we do it. You can comment on the things they are doing as well. It also lets you keep up with the conduct of your child. It signals you each time your child is rewarded a point. It will let you know they have not turned in their homework. I tried it last year the last quarter and the kids loved it! I hope you will love it too!

Recess

One day a week we will be doing Track and Field Events where the children will be running or doing other timed/measured events. They need to have proper clothing/shoes to do these activities. Flip Flops are not appropriate for running laps. If it is too hot to do the activity, we will postpone it until the weather cooperates. I will let the kids know when we will be running the events.

Please Note that I will be discussing a different recess option with the children this week. I will let the children decide and design the possible multiple recess options that could help break our day up a bit more.

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Kid Biz

With the new standards, at the end of 5th grade expectation on Lexile level is approximately 1150. The 5th expectation at DRES is that all children do at least 2 activities a week with a score of 80% or greater on the first attempt. Students are to record each activity completed in Agenda and parents sign acknowledging that you are aware of their completion and scores of the KidBiz Activities. You can also monitor your child's usage and when the County inputs student rosters I will send you the parent Login information. This program is great if it is being used like it should be. I try to provide as much time as possible, but some children need more time and will need to do some of this at home as homework.

Science

We will be studying Ecosystems this quarter. Students will take a cumulative vocabulary test each Friday. This week it will have 10 words, next week 20 and so on throughout the year. Once we hit 40 word I give all children who score a 100% a Hershey's Bar. I will be asking for donations soon.

Schedule for 1st Quarter

8:00-8:30 – Turn in homework, Prepare for the day, begin tonight's homework, fill out agenda, Morning Work

8:30-9:20 – Specials

1st Q: M: PE

T: Readers Theater

W: Art

Th: Computer Lab

F: Music

9:20 – 10:05 - ELA

10:05 - 11:05 – Math

11:05 – 12:00 - Science/Social Studies

12:00 - 12:15 – ELA

12:15 - 12:45 – Lunch

12:45- 1:15 – ELA

1:14 - 2:00 - Writing

2:00- 2:30 – Enrichment/Remediation

2:30- 3:00 - Recess

3:00 - 4:00 – Dismissal/Homework

NEEDED

2 Liter clean soda bottles. I will begin Ecochambers as soon as I have enough. Each child needs 3.

Up Coming Events

- **August 2nd - Agenda Cover Contest**
- **August 3rd - T-Shirt Design Contest**
- **August 3rd - Autobiography Due**
- August 9th - Announcement of Candidacy
- August 10th - Election Debates
- August 11th - Election Speeches
- August 11th - McDonald's Spirit Night
- August 12th - Cereal Box BR Due
- August 12th - Election Day
- August 18th - Spaghetti Inventions Due
- August 19th - Spaghetti Lunch
- August 19th - Early Release Day
- August 26th - Typed Summary Book Report **or** Choice Book Report
- September 2nd - Job Fair
- September 5th - No School - Labor Day
- September 6th - Picture Day Track 4
- September 9th - Early Release Day
- September 16th - Biography Book Report/or Typed Summary BB
- September 23rd - Ecosystem Invention Due
- September 30th - Early Release - Track Out Day

**Please note that I update this list weekly. There are many tests not listed yet, because I am not exactly sure where they will fall until we get closer to the date. * Every Friday we have a math 4-Today Test & a Science vocabulary test. Every Thursday we have a Greek & Latin test. I do not list this routine type of testing in the upcoming events.*

Wish List

White Cardstock

Snails – 30 aquatic snails for ecochambers

(some pet stores let you pick out ones they don't want in their aquariums)

Elodea (Need 30 sprigs)- probably cheapest on line

Broom – That is not straw

Crickets – Need them on a regular basis-

<http://www.armstrongcrickets.com/georgia/crickets/special-crickets> - You can set it up where they send them to the school on specified dates – so we could have them once a month for the year.

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Big Wishes

ILX.com

<http://www.ixl.com/promo?partner=google&phrase=Search%20-%20IXL%20-%20Branded&gclid=CJXfiJGi07gCFYai4AodUWoAO>

Q \$299 for a 1 year 30 student class

membership. It works with all levels. It sends reports to parents and teacher and the teacher can assign homework for students in this program. It offers remediation as well as enrichment. **It can be accessed from home for math homework as well.** (Maybe some parents can join together to help get this program so the cost would not fall on one person.)

Lap Desks-

We are going to need lap desks. I saw several creative ideas that we could make as a class. I will need help with this(or if someone wants to make a bunch that would work as well. (They seem pretty expensive to simply purchase).

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/282037995385835389/> I am looking for ideas- If you have one share!!!

PLANTER BOXES

Either make new planter boxes for the railings or remove the hangers on the railing. One was broken a couple of years ago and a parent took the boxes home to repair and they never returned.

IPad(s) For Reading Center – Daily 3