

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.

Classroom Set-Up

Last year I began a Non-Traditional classroom set up and it worked wonderfully. It may take a week or so for children to get the hang of it, but I am sure they will love it as well.

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 approximately \$12.00.** If you are sending a check please make it out Alyson Lewis, she will be handling the order for me. Please indicate the size needed for the shirt. This allows us to have 2 colors printed on the front of the shirt. **If you are able to send in to addition moneys to cover a child in need it would be greatly appreciated.**

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.

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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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.

Quizlet

Below is the link to join my class Quizlet account. I will place material in here that will help students study for upcoming quizzes and test. Please have your child join the class. It is a great way to study.

<https://quizlet.com/join/Hmn7ntts>

On the homework page I usually have what ever we are working on linked.

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:STEM

W:Art

Th: Media

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 clear soda bottles. I will begin Ecochambers as soon as I have enough. Each child needs 3.

Up Coming Events

- **August 1st - Agenda Cover Contest**
- **August 2nd - T-Shirt Design Contest**
- **August 3rd – Curriculum Night 5:30-6:30**
- **August 4th – Autobiography Due**
- August 8th - Announcement of Candidacy
- August 9th - Election Debates
- August 10th - Election Speeches
- August 10th – Washington DC Meeting 6:00
- August 11th - Cereal Box BR Due
- August 11th - Election Day
- August 17th - Spaghetti Inventions Due
- August 18th - Spaghetti Lunch
- August 18th – Early Release Day
- August 21st- Solar Eclipse
- August 23rd- Ident-a-Kid
- August 25th – Typed Summary Book Report **or** Choice Book Report
- September 1st - Job Fair
- September 4th - No School - Labor Day
- September 15th – Biography Book Report/or Typed Summary BB
- September 22nd - Ecosystem Invention Due
- September 28th - Readathon
- September 29th - 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

Sign Up Genius Sent out with Needs

***I put most of this there, except paper**

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

Dust pan and broom

Crickets – Need them on a regular basis-

<http://www.armstrongcrickets.com/georgia/crickets/specia>
I-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. We are currently needing the small crickets.

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Reams of copy paper. The school has \$5000 left for the entire year in their budget for everything. If every student brings in a ream of paper that will help considerably.

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.)

SkyPanels – Need 2 more – stratus cloud panels to complete the classroom set up.