

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

I have 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.

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.

Class/Grade Level 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 \$13.00.** If you are sending a check please make it out to DRES. **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. This is also an excellent translation tool for parents who are more comfortable in their native language.

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.

Science

We will be studying Genetics and Body Systems this quarter. Students will take a **cumulative** vocabulary test each Friday. Because we have revamped our science and students will be changing classes beginning the 3rd week of school our Vocabulary test will not start this week, but next week. The tests vary in length each week based on the content. Next week it will have 9 words, by the 3rd week we have 29 words and so on throughout the year. Once we hit 40 word I give all children who score a 100% on the cumulative review test a Hershey's Bar. I will be asking for donations soon.

Spaghetti Lunch

The first invention that students are to create is a device to eat spaghetti with other than the everyday utensils. We will be eating our lunch on Friday September 6th. We are in need of a parent to organize the lunch and parents to cook & donate the spaghetti meal for the children. I am very excited to see the creative genius of this group of children. Suggestion: Wear something that spaghetti stains won't show or wear a bib!

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Elections

This week the children will be required to participate in our USJ election. They may choose to run for one of the following offices: mayor (1), City Council (6), Park Commissioner (1), Park Board (4). These government officials will have weekly lunch meeting to plan for the USJ community as well as the DRES Eagles United. On Thursday the children will announce which office they are running. On Monday we will have a small debate. Tuesday they will give campaign speeches and Wednesday the election will take place. Student may create posters, 1 per child, and campaign in any manner they choose as long as it is a positive only campaign. They are not allowed to put down other candidates. This will be a very exciting week. The speeches that the students write will be placed in their writing portfolio as a 1st quarter writing sample. I will give them a guide to help them format their speech. They will be allowed to work on them at home because they will want to practice and prepare to give their speech.

**I have done this for over 20 years. I am very excited to report that this year the entire 5th grade will be having Community. The leaders will have weekly meetings like Senate & House Committees and then they will go back and hold Community meetings. This is going to be a great year!

Schedule for 1st Quarter

8:00-8:30 – Turn in homework, Prepare for the day, begin tonight's homework, fill out agenda, Morning Work- Math & Science
8:30-8:45 – P2
8:45-9:45 – Math
9:45-11:35- EL
11:35-12:30 – Science
12:30-12:45 – EL
12:45-1:10 – Lunch
1:15- 2:00 – Specials
2:00- 2:30 – Intervention/Acceleration
2:30-3:00 – Recess
3:00- Dismissal/ Work on Homework

NEEDED

Amazon Wish List

- Cans of Soda - Math Tests
- Hershey's Bars – for Science Tests
- Crickets for reptiles – would love this once a month for the Critters.

Clubs

We plan to start clubs September 13th. We are looking for people who can come in and help from 2 to 3. This is a reward for children who have completed their assignments and are behaving. We are trying to make a very positive reward for these children. We are looking for adults who could come in on Fridays and sponsor/teach a club. Ideas could be things like photography, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, card collecting (Baseball, etc.), step team, yoga, crafts. If you can think of something that kids would enjoy that you are willing to come in and do 1 hour a week on Fridays we would love to know. You can also tell how many children you are willing to prepare for so we can limit the class sizes and have students sign up in anticipation of these clubs. Board games and book clubs might be fun as well. Looking for volunteers and input!

Up Coming Events

- **July 30th - Agenda Cover Contest**
- **August 1st - Autobiography Due**
- **August 1st - Declaration of Candidacy**
- **August 5th - Election Debates**
- **August 6th - Election Speeches**
- **August 7th - Election**
- **August 9th - Election Results Announced**
- **August 2nd - T-Shirt Design Contest**
- September 2nd – Labor Day No School
- September 5th – Spaghetti Inventions Due
- September 6th – Spaghetti Lunch 1:15
- September 27th - 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. I do not list this routine type of testing in the upcoming events.*

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Big Wishes

70" Smart TV and installation –

I don't care what brand as long as it works. I was told 70 " or larger is what we need. 5th grade has been told that if we get one- since district won't purchase that it will be at a minimum of 2-5 years.

I am sure I am forgetting many things, but we will get it all caught up in the next few weeks. I am looking forward to working with you and your child.