

Welcome to 5th Grade! Meet the 5th Grade Team



Mrs. Bobeldyk

Welcome fifth graders! It's going to be a great year! This will be my seventh year teaching at Knapp. I graduated from Calvin College in August 2010 after being a stay-at-home mom for 11 years. My husband and I live in Jenison with our three children. When we are not running around to different sporting events or playing sports, our family enjoys going to the beach, taking walks, bike rides, dinners out, and watching movies. In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing tennis, spending time with friends, shopping, and just being a mom! I am excited to spend the next school year with you!



Mrs. Huntley

Welcome to 5th grade! I can't wait to have you in my class this year! I graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2012. Last summer my husband and I welcomed our daughter, Brielle, and I have loved being a mom. When I'm not at school I enjoy biking, reading, cooking, watching the Red Wings, and spending time up north with my family. This will be my fifth year at Knapp and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach at such an amazing school. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you!



Mrs. Vanden Ende

Hello fifth graders! I am so excited to spend my third year of teaching with you! I am originally from California, but have called Grand Rapids my home for about seven years now. Calvin College is where I spent four of those years and graduated in 2015 after studying Elementary Education. Outside of school I enjoy camping, hiking, running, DIY projects and watersports! I am looking forward to an exciting and memorable year with you all!

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5th Grade "Highlights"

We have really interactive classroom management tools in place. The students will participate in two management "games": Survivor and Amazing Race. These are incentive based programs that are dependent upon the students' classroom behavior and ability to follow procedures.

In 5th grade, we complete a research project about a Revolutionary War figure. We then create a speech to become that person at our annual Wax Theater! It is always a huge hit with both parents and students! Wax Theater serves as a fundraiser for our end of the year field trip to Michigan Adventure!

Exciting Opportunities

With school of choice, parents have an opportunity to choose a school for their child. With that in mind, parents have to look at many different aspects of a school and decide which would be the best fit for their child and allow their child to develop academically.

Knapp Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child and exceptional academics. Knapp teachers greet students at their doors with a warm welcome and handshake making students feel appreciated and cared for as soon as they enter the classroom. With that mindset, students feel more comfortable to express themselves and try their best in class. Students also participate in activities where they get to know each other, respect differences, and learn from each other's strengths.

A Standard of Excellence

The Fifth Grade team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their own individual level. We work closely with one another to make sure that we are sharing our strengths and best practices as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the objectives as well as the needs of our students.

Supply List:

Your child should bring:

- 5 one-subject notebooks
- Pencils and erasers
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors
- 5 glue sticks
- Small pencil pouch/holder
- 6 folders (1 durable for homework)
- Two boxes of tissue
- Hand held pencil sharpener with cover for shavings
- 1 Package Loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
- 1 Package 3x5 index cards
- 1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
- Pair of tennis shoes for PE

Classroom Donations (optional):

- Plastic utensils (forks, spoons, knives)
- Paper plates
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towel

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