



HAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Grade 5
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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to my 5th grade class and to a fresh start in September. This year will be a challenging, rewarding and an exciting one.

The upper grade team believes all students can behave appropriately in our classrooms. Behaviors that prevent other students from learning or prevent us from teaching will not be accepted. To insure a pleasant learning environment, students will:

1. Be polite—respect others and materials.
2. Work quietly and follow directions.
3. Keep hands and feet to themselves.
4. Raise their hand to be recognized before speaking.
5. Respect all adults.
6. Hand in all assignments on time.
7. Show an interest in learning.

We also believe it is important for children to learn self-control and accountability for their own behavior in order to become functioning, contributing citizens in our society. Students who break our room rules or cause disturbances will be warned. If the student continues the undesired behavior, he/she will have to miss recess or stay after school. When students exhibit good citizenship and behave appropriately, they will receive praise, certificates, positive notes home and classroom privileges.

We plan to introduce a program of organizational skill this year. Students are required to maintain a notebook that contains dividers, paper and a pencil pouch. Each student will need the following:

- A standard 3-ring notebook with 1½” metal rings and pockets on each side
- Notebook paper (No spiral notebooks)
- Graph Paper
- Pocket dictionary and thesaurus
- A large plastic, zippered pouch that can be placed in the notebook
- Protractor, ruler and Compass
- Washable markers and one high lighter pen
- Colored pencils
- World Almanac
- Two pencils, ready for use at all times
- An inexpensive 4-function calculator
- A pair of scissors
- Glue stick
- USB Memory Stick

*Please label all materials with the child's name. Please contact us if you have difficulty providing any of these supplies.

HOMEWORK

It is important for students to develop good homework habits in the early grades. Their notebook should be brought home every night and returned to school each day. Students will enter the daily assignments onto their monthly calendar, which will always be in their notebook. Please spend time with your child discussing his/her assignments each day. It is important for you to look over your child's homework to be sure that it has been completed and done correctly.

MISCELLANEOUS

*This is a tentative schedule. Times may change due to schedule conflicts

*This is our fifth grade schedule of additional school programs and breaks.

Library (Monday)	8:30-9:00 a.m.
PE (Thursday)	9:15 – 10:10 a.m.
Fitness (Monday and Wednesday)	9:50 – 10:10 a.m.
Study Hall/Reward Time Friday	1:30 – 2:05 p.m.
Lunch	11:55 – 12:35 a.m.
Recess	10:10 – 10:25 a.m.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We really need parent volunteers! We need helpers to work with students, correct papers (at school or home), put up bulletin boards, etc. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to help.

BIRTHDAYS

We love celebrating birthdays! However, Hage Elementary School is trying to promote healthy food choices. Please avoid treats and other “sweets” on birthdays. A highlight in our class is when the birthday child brings a “birthday book” to share with the class. This is simply a new book that your child dedicates to the class on his or her birthday. It will be stored in the library and the book will be shared with the class. This makes it very special! You may glue a picture of your child inside the front cover of the book with the name and date. This provides us with a gift that lasts!

CHESS CLUB

The Hage Scholastic Chess Club was started in 1995. Since then, the chess club has won five first place trophies at the San Diego Chess Tournament. In order to cover the cost of new equipment, books and awards, we are asking for a \$5 - \$10 donation to The Hage Chess Club. Please make checks payable to: Hage Elementary School. If you are sending cash, please note on the envelope that it is for the chess club. The Hage Scholastic Chess Club is not funded by the school. Mr. Mendiola's time teaching chess during his lunch break (Monday) is voluntary.

