

Mrs. Howell - Fifth Grade

It is my pleasure to welcome you & your child for their fifth grade year! I cannot wait to work with you and your child. Together I believe that we can make this a successful year.

My priority is to have clear, open communication with you and your child. Please reach out with any questions or concerns, as I do see us as a team working collaboratively to ensure your child's best year.

I'm passionate about creating a safe, warm, classroom environment where your child feels empowered to ask questions and collaborate. Sharing the love of Jesus & building healthy relationships, with students & their families, are top priorities.

Within my classroom your child will work in a whole group, small groups, with partners and also complete some independent work. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have or need at home to continue educating your child on topics introduced at school.

Please feel free to reach out to me, when you have questions & concerns. My goal is to respond as promptly as possible, Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m.-12:30p.m. For emails, please allow a possible response time of twenty-four hours. Thanks so much! If your need is more urgent feel free to call LIGHT at **316-413-4333**.

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LIGHT Website: <https://www.lightacademywichita.com/>

Common Communication Tool: You should have received an invitation to our class GroupMe app specific to your child's school day assignment. If you have not yet

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received this please reach out. This is a platform to ask questions and create a community within our group of students.

Weekly Newsletters:

Reading the entire newsletter will best prepare you & your child for the school week. A digital copy will be posted each week. The newsletter shares ELA and Math lessons covered in class as well as assignments and lessons to complete at home.

Assignments

Newsletters list assignments, using **Language Arts lesson numbers & math exercise numbers**. Lessons/Exercises are assigned on the first day of class, each week. Assignments should be completed before the beginning of a new week. Special projects will have their own due dates. Though not required, I'd recommend dating/making notes on workbook assignments, completed at home, to keep for your records.

Example: Your child can creatively complete a workbook page, by using a whiteboard/chalk/sharing answers aloud vs. filling in answers with a pencil. If so, just make a note. **Regular, weekly, home assignments are completed by your child at home. Parents are responsible for checking/grading those, at home (unless otherwise directed).**

Home Folders:

These are a communication tool. Please have your child bring it to school, **each day**. I will send home graded papers & any incomplete, classroom work that needs to be finished at home/returned, in your child's home folder. You may use the folder, to send notes & return student work.

Water Bottle/Snacks/Lunch:

Please send a labeled water bottle (not metal if possible) with your child, each day. It should only contain water. Flavor packets & other beverages should remain at home.

Our class will have a snack time. Your child is responsible for bringing his/her snack. Classwork often continues, while eating. **Please send only one item**. It should be something that can easily be eaten & cleaned up. Preferably not items like Oreos or the prepackaged fruit cups.

If your child stays for an elective, they will need to bring a lunch. Students won't have access to a refrigerator or a microwave. Please make sure lunches contain any

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necessary utensils, as well as items your child can easily open/eat/clean up. Once again, beverages other than water should remain at home.

Because of any possible allergies, students will only be permitted to eat their own snacks & lunch items. If any LIGHT students or staff members have severe food allergies (example: peanuts), all families will be required to follow any communicated, whole school safety measures.

Restroom Breaks:

LIGHT follows its Child Protection Plan's restroom policy, regarding class & individual breaks.

Recess:

We have a scheduled, ten to fifteen minute recess. When 32 degrees or above, going outside is an option. Please check the weather, & have your child dress accordingly. Girls may want to wear shorts or leggings under any dresses.

Birthdays:

I love birthdays! Please reach out to me, to schedule your child's celebration. Summer months can celebrate half birthdays. Your child may bring a treat, to share. At the beginning of your child's scheduled day, you will send the treat. The class will celebrate, during our regular snack time. I will take pictures to share.