

Curriculum Night Handout for Grade 5 Homeroom:

1. Classroom routines:

- a. Homeroom periods occur at the beginning and end of each day for attendance, homework reminders, chores
- b. Homework – will generally be given at the beginning of the week so that students can schedule homework around extra-curricular activities
- c. Students move to a different classroom for Language and Social Studies, music and PE.

2. Academic timetable – see handout

3. Curriculum:

- a. **MATHEMATICS:** Learning Outcomes prescribed by the BC Ministry of Education are followed for each grade level according to the attached curriculum summary. Lessons are given in class followed by in-class assignments and then homework to help solidify the concepts in the students' minds.
SCIENCE: the processes and skills of science, based on critical thinking and the scientific method are continually developed throughout the year within the context of the learning outcomes specified by the BC Ministry of Education. The units of study are shown on the attached curriculum summary. Hands-on laboratories and constructivist techniques are utilized to foster experiential, student centered learning.
- b. **ART:** Students are encouraged to develop an appreciation of Art and a willingness to explore self-expression through producing various images. Exploration includes:
 - Pencil Drawings, pastels and water colours
 - Colour, Line, Texture, Shape, Value, Form, Perspective and SpaceStudents learn about the techniques and styles of various artists to help them identify their own unique style.

4. Methods of assessment:

a. Quizzes and unit tests

b. Assignments and homework-

- In Mathematics, worksheets are given on a regular basis both in-class and for homework to practice the new concepts and secure learning
- In Science, both short term and long terms assignments are given to further explore the concepts being explored in class. Assignments are criteria based where the student is given a description of what is required to complete the assignment.
- In Art, assignments are given in class and worked on primarily during school hours.

c. Projects-

- Long-term projects may be given in Science, depending upon the unit of study. The criteria for these assignments will be given to the students and students will be required to both work on the assignments during class time and complete some work at home.

5. Study Tips:

- a. Always complete homework
- b. Ask teacher for help if unsure of a concept or of what to do
- c. Create review summary sheets
- d. Memorize facts

6. Building Self-esteem:

- Student and teacher work together to overcome challenges
- Mistakes are OK because they help us learn
- The students are encouraged to be supportive of one another
- Since we all have different strengths and weaknesses, team work is encouraged to build upon individual strengths and help each other to overcome weaknesses.

7. Contact Dr. Hofmann at: Barbara.hofmann@aberdeenhall.com regarding questions, concerns or to set up an appointment