Welcome 5th Grade Families!
Back to School Night 2022-2023
ELA
Mrs. Windapo, MAT

Stanford University Alumna
Relay GSE Alumna

This is my 8th year teaching and my fifth year at Link.

I love to travel and learn about different cultures. I speak and/or understand a few languages.

I also enjoy cooking, baking and hosting events.
This year will include:

1. Personal Narrative & Fiction Texts: *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate
2. Informational Essays & Informational Texts
3. Literary Analysis Essays & Fantasy Novels: *The Thief of Always* by Clive Barker
4. Argumentative Essays, Opinion Texts & Debates

Online resources will primarily be Newsela and Reading/Kids A-Z.
ELA at Link

- ELA is broken into two parts
  - **READING WORKSHOP**
    - Read and understand more complex texts
    - Learn about choices authors and writers make
  - **WRITING WORKSHOP**
    - Putting all of your wonderful thoughts and ideas in a standard format
    - Including stories and essays
ELA Expectations:

- Active Participation & Engagement
- ELA Materials (Composition Notebook & ELA Folder)
- Complete Work in **DAILY**
Grades:  
Formative Assessments: 40%  
(Classwork, Do Nows, Exit Tickets. Minor projects and quizzes)  
Summative Assessments: 40%  
(Essays, Unit Tests, Major Projects)  
Participation & Homework: 20%

Absence: If absent from class for any reason, it is THE SCHOLAR’S responsibility to get the work missed. Three days to make up any missing assignment(s). After the third day, the assignment(s) will not be accepted, and will earn a 0. Must communicate with teacher that the scholars are submitting a missing assignment; so, it is not marked late.
Contact Us: You may contact us via email. Please be advised that emails received after 4:30-5pm may not receive a reply until the following day.

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Exceptional Learners
Mrs. Arizmendi

- Support scholars in ELA (Reading and Writing workshop) and Math classes
- Working in small groups in and out of the classroom to provide support and meet students’ needs.
- Advocate for scholar and work alongside teachers to prepare our scholars for success.

- Best way to contact me is through email.

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5th Grade Math

Where Link Math Scholars Go Further Together!
Jeffery Locklear, M.A.T.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Alumnus

Relay GSE Alumnus

This is my 7th year teaching and my 5th at Link Community Charter School

I enjoy exercising, fishing, cooking & family time!
Overview of 5th Grade Math this year

We will begin with the place value system building on what they have learned in 4th grade.

Then they will move on to adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

They will expand on their knowledge of fractions and multiply and divide fractions.

We will conclude with geometric measurements, volume and graphing points on a coordinate plane.

Curriculum Resources: Eureka Math -text, IXL- self-paced individualized learning tool
Math Expectations

❖ Active Participation & Engagement
❖ Math Materials (Math Binder & Folder)
❖ Complete Work **DAILY**
❖ Live out the Core Values consistently
How can you encourage your child to be successful?

1. Please make sure they complete all of their work on the day it was assigned.

2. We will be discussing Grit and Perseverance and scholars will write out personal affirmations. It will be great to encourage them to reflect on those words as they encounter rigorous problems.

3. Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
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Social Studies/Science
All About Me!

- Teaching at link for 8 years
- Masters degree from NJCU
- Cart teacher
- Teach Social Studies and Science
- Teach both 5th and 6th grade
- Favorite color: purple
- Favorite food: pizza
- My hobbies include:
  - Walking in the park
  - Shopping
  - Hanging out with my son and watching Netflix : )

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Overview of Social Studies (Sept-Dec)

In fifth grade, we start Social Studies in September and end in December (in January we start science)

**Unit 1: Heritage and Culture** - Exploring the connection of our community to cultures around the world. Explore why it is important to understand the perspectives of other cultures in an interconnected world.

**Unit 2: Geography and Map Skills** - explore regional geography including the physical features, location, landforms and presence of natural resources and how this impacts where and how people settle.

**Unit 3: GRAPEs of United States regions** - Explore the Geography, Religion, Achievements, Political Structures of different US regions.

**Unit 4: GRAPES of Civilization** - Analyze the Geography, Religion, Achievements, Political Structures of civilizations around the World.

**Unit 5: History Culture Reflection:**

- How is my culture and way of life similar to others around the world?
- How is it different?
- How is life in a civilization impacted by its history and culture?
Overview of Science  January - June

Unit 1 - Properties of Matter
Unit 2 - Changes in Matter
Unit 3 - Earth’s Systems
Unit 4 - Earth’s Water
Unit 5 - Human Impact on Earth’s Systems
Unit 6 - Energy and Food
Unit 7 - Matter and Energy in Ecosystems
For Social Studies scholars will be completing their note taking and exit tickets in their interactive notebook each day. They will also have folders to keep track of their work.

Scholars will complete a majority of their work in Nearpod (an interactive online platform) on a daily basis.

For Science (December - June) they will have a Science interactive notebook, folder and workbook. They will also complete classwork in nearpod and their google classroom as well.
Thank you parents for connecting with us on Class Dojo!

This is the platform we will be using to communicate merits & demerits.

You will also see posts on our class dojo story that will include announcements & activities…

If you have not yet connected your scholar was given a handout that included a class code for you sign up.
We are looking forward to a GREAT YEAR!