

# WELCOME TO MRS. LEAVITT'S 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

The theme of our class is "Saddle up and work for your dreams" we will be working hard and having fun experiencing 5<sup>th</sup> grade together. Here are a couple of things that will help you be successful in the upcoming year. If you need to contact me I can be reached by email at [jleavitt@hawthornacademy.org](mailto:jleavitt@hawthornacademy.org) or on my website at [njoyschool.weebly.com](http://njoyschool.weebly.com)



**Rules:** We will work together the first week to make a common agreement for our rules. They will include

- 1. Following directions
- 2. Keep hands feet and objects to self
- 3. Speak appropriately
- 4. Always be safe
- 5. Be honest and kind to all.

**Behavior:** It is important to me to have a positive classroom and that every child feels safe cared for. I will reinforce good behavior by positive comments, class money, or other rewards. The students can use this money for privileges or similar prizes. We will also have a class store a few times during the year where they are able to bring items from home and sell to each other with the store money. I also have a "Good Job" Construction cones that I occasionally put on a student's desk for our IB Learners and great thinkers.

**IB Learners:** Hawthorn Academy is an International Baccalaureate or IB School. Since we are an IB school we focus on understanding that there is a world beyond our community. Students have an opportunity to reflect on their actions in the world, make a choice as to how to make a difference, and then take action. They will have an opportunity to use this action cycle this year through their Exhibition Project. This is a project they will work on in class and at home and will present to the school and parents at the end of the year. It will be a wonderful experience! We will also work on the action cycle throughout the year in our school and classroom community.

**At Hawthorn we are IB learners in our classroom. IB learners are inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk takers, balanced, and reflective. We will be working to develop these traits throughout the year. We will also work on developing IB Attitudes, which are appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect, and tolerance. We feel that these profiles and attitudes will develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.**

**Attendance:** It is critical for your child to be punctual and present in school. Tardies and absences can have a huge affect on your student's success. Tardies will be given after 8:20am. Multiple tardies will result in the loss of a dress down day and also contact from the school administration.

**Grading:** Your child's daily work will be graded with percentages, fractions, stars, stamps or happy faces. quizzes, tests, and a portion of daily work, participation and homework will determine grades.

**Planners:** Planners will be sent home daily and needs to be returned daily. Students should be recording important information in them. Parents should initial student planners daily. This is one way that we can communicate and parents can be kept up-to-date. Students who bring back their planner will receive class money.

**Homework:** Students will have a homework each week that will include math worksheets, spelling, nightly reading, and logging on to IXL; a math website. The packet needs to be turned in each week on Friday morning in order to go to Fun Friday. Points will be given for the homework packet each week. All the homework is listed on my website. Students' may have additional homework such as a project or editing a writing assignment to be determined.

**Nightly reading:** This is very important for the success of a student. Please help your child complete their 20 minutes of reading. I also encourage you to listen to them read for five of their minutes; this will help in their fluency skills. Students should keep track of their reading and record it on [rtsutah.com](http://rtsutah.com), there is a link on my website under the reading tab.

**Birthdays:** In order to follow the schools' policy, please do not bring in any type of birthday treat edible or not. Thank you

**Parent Volunteers-** Parent volunteers are wonderful and always welcome. I will need parents to both work in the classroom, and help with copies and other items outside the classroom. It is best if you set up a time to come in but I am always flexible if you drop in.



*I have read disclosure document for Mrs. Leavitt's Class 2016 and I understand it.*

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Student Name

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Parent Signature

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Date