

WELCOME TO MRS. LEAVITT'S 5th GRADE

We will be working hard and having fun experiencing 5th 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 or on my website at njoyschool.weebly.com I can also be reached by text if you join my class on remind by texting @leavittsa to 81010.

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.

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 prizes. I also have a "Good Job" Construction cones that I occasionally put on a student's desk for our IB Learners and great thinkers.

Our classroom has been equipt with items such as chrome books, iPads, iPods, yoga balls etc. to aid in student learning. Students will have the privilege of using them while in class. If a student damages an item they will be responsible for that item.

If there is a student who's conduct needs to be corrected I will follow the schools discipline policy. Student's may receive a verbal warning, lose a privilege or privilege, be requested to give an apology, or complete an IB reflection sheet. Circumstances will be handled on a one on one basis and if hire level of consequences is needed the administration will be contacted.

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 8:30am. Multiple tardies will result in the loss of a dress down day. Contact the school office to excuse any absences



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

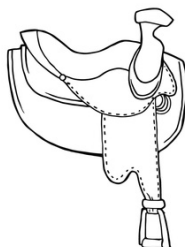
IB Learners: Hawthorn Academy is an International Baccalaureate or IB School. Since we are an IB school we focus on understanding that there is a world beyond our community. Students have an opportunity to reflect on their actions in the world, make a choice as to how to make a difference, and then take 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.

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, there is a link on my website under the reading tab.

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.

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 the disclosure document for Mrs. Leavitt's Class 2017 and I understand it.

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____