



## Central Elementary School

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Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

During the 2015-2016 school year, our school leadership team engaged in researching the utilization of a departmentalized instructional model. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I am writing to provide you with information concerning our plans to further our use of departmentalized instruction in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Simply stated, departmentalized instruction is a model that allows for teachers to specialize in a single subject matter and further their use of differentiation. For students, this model allows for student movement throughout the day and to be challenged by different teachers who have created classroom environments focused on their subject. Furthermore, working within this model will further prepare students for the organizational and instructional demands of the intermediate grades as well as middle school.

During the 2016-2017 school year, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have 3 classrooms. All 3 teachers will teach writing. Mrs. Burley will focus on reading. Mrs. Mangum will focus on Mathematics instruction and Mrs. Sambrook will focus on Social Studies and Science instruction. The class that your student attends for writing will be considered their homeroom for the purpose of attendance, cultural arts, and field trips.

We have included a sample schedule of the student day for you to use as you discuss the upcoming school year with your student.

We look forward to an exciting and challenging school year.

Sincerely,

Kirk Greubel  
Principal  
Central Elementary

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**Fifth Grade Departmentalization Schedule**



9:05-10:00-Writing (homeroom)

10:00-11:05-Block 1

<b>Reading</b>
Burley
<b>Math</b>
Mangum
<b>Science/Social Studies</b>
Sambrook

11:05-12:05-Cultural Arts

12:05-1:00-Block 2

<b>Reading</b>
Burley
<b>Math</b>
Mangum
<b>Science/Social Studies</b>
Sambrook

1:00-1:30-Lunch

1:30-1:45-Recess

1:50-2:05-Block 2 Cont.

2:05-3:20-Block 3

<b>Reading</b>
Burley
<b>Math</b>
Mangum
<b>Science/Social Studies</b>
Sambrook

3:25-Dismissal