



East Wake Academy
A School of Choice

5th Grade 101

July 30, 2019

Website

Visit the 5th Grade website for...

- Homework
- Assignments
- Make-up work
- Study guides
- Notes
- Activities
- Logins
- AA schedule

<http://ewa5thgrade.pbworks.com>

Homework

- Most homework assignments should be completed independently.
- If homework requires computer/internet and this is not available at home, students may use the classroom computers before school, after school, or during lunch.
- Missing Homework assignments must be completed during study hall (Friday lunch) and students will not participate in Free Lunch Friday.

What is AA?

AA is our weekly Academic Assistance time. This time can be used for the following...

- Preparing for assessments
- Reteaching/Review
- Organizing
- Completing quiz corrections
- Completing missing work
- Working on assignments if extended time is needed

Academic Assistance Hours

AA is held in the mornings from 7:45-8:10 and afternoons from 3:15- 3:45. Students may attend either session.

Monday = Language Arts

Tuesday = Math

Wednesday = Social Studies

Thursday = Science

****Please arrive on time to pick-up your child from AA. Students will be directed to WINGS at the end of our AA sessions if their ride is not waiting.**

Studying/Preparing for Assessments

- **Students will receive a Study Guide and/or Practice Test several days prior to a test.**
- **It is best practice to study a short amount of time nightly leading up to the test as opposed to cramming only 1-2 nights before the assessment.**
- **Find what works for you! See the Study Skills document on the Fifth Grade Website for a list of different ways to study.**
- **Make studying as active as possible! Simply reading over notes is not an effective study strategy.**

PowerSchool

- PowerSchool log in information is the same as last year.
- If you no longer have your log in information, there is a form to complete in the office.
- It is the parents' and students' responsibility to check PowerSchool regularly for an update on the student's progress and any missing assignments.
- A missing assignment will be noted with a "0."
- A blank beside an assignment does not mean the assignment is missing but that the grade has not yet been entered.

Quiz Corrections

- Students are given the opportunity to improve their quiz grade by attending the next academic assistance session.
- During academic assistance, re-teaching will take place and students can make corrections to their quiz.
- Students will receive half credit back upon the completion of accurate corrections.
- This opportunity is available for all students, but it is the expectation for students scoring a 69 or less. It is the student's responsibility to determine if he/she should attend AA.

Test Corrections

- Often times, students will complete test corrections that will count as a separate classwork grade. These corrections will not change the original test score but will provide students the opportunity to go back over information missed on the test.
- An appropriate amount of time will be provided in class to complete Test Corrections. However, if corrections are not completed during this time, students will have to finish corrections on their own.
- The classwork grade will be calculated by using the original test score, in addition to the points gained from test corrections.
- If students fail to complete corrections, they will receive a zero for that classwork grade (unless the original test score was 100%).

Late and Missing Work

- 5 point deduction per day late (up to one week). After one week, the assignment will not be accepted and a zero will be recorded.
- Late and/or incomplete homework assignments are expected to be completed in addition to losing Fun Lunch Friday.
- When absent, students will be given up to 5 days to complete assignments for full credit.
- Assignments that were already due on the day of the absence are expected to be turned in on the day the student returns. Students will also be expected to take a missed quiz/test on the day they return, except in extenuating circumstances (i.e. prolonged absence/sickness, etc.).

Absences

If your child has to miss school for any reason:

1. Check the website for each core under “What’s Happening?”
2. If you have questions about information on the website, email the teacher for that class.
3. Students can check their core folder upon return for any missing handouts.

RISE UP

- RISE UP Matrix
 - Received a copy at Open House
 - Students have a copy
 - We will upload to our website
- RISE UP=
 - R= Represent
 - I = Integrity
 - S= Service
 - E= Excellence
 - U= Unity
 - P= Positivity

RISE UP: Feathers

- Every EWA Staff Member will be looking to give feathers.
- Students receive feathers for rising to the expectations on our RISE UP Matrix.
- Competition between Advisory groups
- How can parents help?
 - Discuss feathers at home.
 - Discuss our positive behaviors and apply them.
 - Model these behaviors at home.
 - Donations, drivers, volunteers may be needed later in the year.

Infractions

- Students will make mistakes. Infractions are our way of helping students learn from their mistakes and/or change their behavior.
- Infraction system
 - 1st offense= Infraction
 - 2nd offense = Infraction
 - 3rd offense = Infraction and Lunch Detention
- Classes are separate from each other
- Resets each quarter

iBlock

- 8:23-8:53 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Students will be placed in groups based on their performance on current assessments in reading, math, and science core classes.
- Groups are fluid and change each week based on performance.
- During iBlock, students will participate in activities that will provide enrichment, support, or remediation, depending on each student's needs.
- iBlock groups will change each week, rotating between 1 week of reading, 1 week of math, and 1 week of science.

Advisory

- **Advisory groups will take place every Friday during the iBlock time.**
- **Students will be placed in small, grade-level groups.**
- **Advisory will provide students an opportunity to connect with other students and teachers, a safe place to express themselves and their feelings, and time to explore their interests.**
- **Update thermometers and grade level graphs.**

Communication

- If you have questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact any of the fifth grade teachers. The best way to communicate with us is through email. Please allow 24 hours for us to respond.
- We are happy to set up a conference if you feel it is necessary. You may conference with one teacher or the entire team if needed. Conferences with the entire team need to be scheduled with Mrs. Dixon at cdixon@eastwakeacademy.org.

Grading Concerns

After viewing PowerSchool, if you have concerns, please follow these steps...

1. Find the assignment in your child's notebook.
2. Review the assignment with your child.
3. If you still have questions after reviewing the assignment and talking with your child, email the teacher.
4. Encourage your child to attend AA to review concepts with the teacher and/or improve the grade.

Field Trips

- Busch Gardens (Spring...4/24/19 tentative)
- TBD--Battlefield (Early Spring)
- End of Year Celebration- June 3, 2020

School Counselor

Serves all students through a comprehensive and developmentally appropriate counseling program that addresses students' academic, social-personal, and career needs via:

- Classroom lessons (ex: career exploration, study skills, digital citizenship)
- Groups (ex: school success, attendance, social skills)
- Individual student sessions (variety of topics, such as friendships and interpersonal skills, school success skills, stress relief, family situations)
- Events/programs (MS/HS transitions, Character Education, Career Day)
- Crisis prevention and response
- Collaborating and consulting with staff, administration, and families
- Stay tuned for a new student services website!

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Electives and PE/Health

| <u>Elective</u> | <u>PE/Health</u> |
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| Art (Henry) | Brinson |
| Business (Bonano) | Cox |
| Computer (Warren) | Pope |
| Dance (Cyrus) | Simmons |
| Spanish (Jones) | |

*semester classes

*quarterly classes

Questions??