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5th Grade Teaming



Arthur S. May School

2023-24

What is the Teaming Model?



ASM is excited to announce that we will be implementing a new model of instruction for fifth graders in the 2023-24 school year - The Teaming Model.

The Teaming Model is an innovative and collaborative approach to teaching and learning. The fifth grade teachers will work as a team to support **all** fifth grade learners, with each teacher specializing in a different subject area. Students will have a homeroom class and teacher that will serve as their home base.

They will then travel to different classrooms throughout the day for four instructional blocks, each taught by a different member of the Fifth Grade Teaching Team.

The Fifth Grade Teaching Team will meet daily to review student work and plan together to support all students academically, socially and emotionally.



ACADEMICS – All fifth grade students will have four instructional blocks - ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies, with each instructional block being taught by a different member of the Fifth Grade Teaching Team. The Grade 5 writing standards will be embedded within the ELA, Science and Social Studies blocks. Students with IEPs will be supported by our Special Education Teacher, Mrs. McCaffrey, in all four instructional blocks.

In addition to these instructional blocks, students will have Special Area classes, an Intervention and Enrichment Block with their homeroom or AIS teacher, Morning Meeting with their homeroom class, and the option to participate in Band/Orchestra.

BEHAVIOR- The Fifth Grade Teaching Team will collaborate to establish clear expectations for successful learning and social behaviors across all instructional blocks. Students will spend time practicing organization strategies, time management, active listening and communication skills to promote success in 5th grade and beyond.

COMMUNICATION- The Fifth Grade Teaching Team will communicate with families regularly through newsletters and Parent Square. Additionally, parents can reach out to any member of the Fifth Grade Teacher Team with questions and concerns via email or Parent Square.



Benefits of the Teaming Model

- Students will receive thoughtfully planned instruction from teachers who are experts in their respective fields.
- Lessons in all subject areas will offer greater opportunities for differentiation to meet the needs of all students.
- Students will develop stronger academic and organizational skills, which will better prepare them for the transition to middle school in sixth grade.
- Students will benefit from having a team of teachers collaborating to support them, academically, socially and emotionally.
- Students will have increased interactions with more adults in the building, allowing for more opportunities to build trusting relationships with teachers.