

St. Joseph School

Ms. Turcotte Fifth Grade

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# Fifth Grade

#### **Meet the Teachers**

Ms. Turcotte will be your fifth grader's primary teacher this year, teaching the academic subjects of Social Studies, Language, Math, and Religion. Mrs. Miller will be teaching Science and STEM. In addition, your child will also have different teachers for the "enrichment" classes (Music, and P.E.).

We are looking forward to getting to know all of you, and we are excited to be at the beginning of another school year here at St. Joseph School. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

### Fifth Grade Philosophy

Fifth grade is a growing year. It is a year for students to learn that **THEY** can be the most important person in their own education. We let the students know that we expect them to be responsible and accountable for their own work.

We encourage parents to give students more independence in schoolwork, while still keeping an eye on their progress and work/study habits. If you have any concerns about grades, study habits, workload, or the independence of your child, please do not hesitate to set up a conference to discuss your concerns.

# **Study Skills**

In our attempt to help your child become an independent learner, one of the key focuses in fifth grade is the acquiring of good study skills and habits. A variety of different organizational and study skills are modeled and implemented in class together and assigned to students independently. Students are encouraged to choose the skills and habits that work best with their learning styles and to continue their use beyond teacher directives.

# Login to ParentsWeb

ParentsWeb is the Parent accessible part of RenWeb, and is a great source of information. Grades are updated regularly, and should be checked at least weekly. This is your most accurate and timely source of information about how your child is doing in class.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Policies

Classroom Policies were sent home with fifth grade students. Please make sure to read them over, as these will give you a good idea of my expectations. If you have any questions concerning the policies, please feel free to discuss them with me.

#### Fifth Grade Website

Please make sure to check out the fifth grade website: tinaturcottesaintjoseph.weebly.com/
The home page of this website serves as a classroom newsletter which is updated weekly. As well, you will find curriculum pages with links to helpful websites, upcoming events, copies of our policies and other school related links. The homework pages are updated daily and can help parents keep up with assignments (although this should not be used as a replacement for the student agendas, as recording homework correctly is a skill all students should learn to do effectively).

### **Math Facts**

Help your child succeed in Math by continuing to practice the multiplication and division facts throughout the year. Although students may have learned these in earlier grades, they quickly lose their automatic recall if they do not continue to practice regularly. I have found that automatic recall of math facts is a *key* factor in the success of students in fifth grade math.