



# Welcome to Adolphus Elementary

2024-2025

We're on a SAFARI to SUCCESS!

# MEET THE 5TH GRADE TEAM



Mr. Scott  
Mrs. Bonnin  
Mrs. Hopson  
Mr. Gamboa  
Mrs. Kubeczka  
Mrs. Howcroft  
Mrs. Gautreau

# COMMUNICATION IS KEY



- Conference Period - 8:05 – 8:55 a.m.
- Set a conference appointment by e-mail or phone (832-223-4700)
- Weekly Newsletters (sent out Fridays through Canvas)
- Agenda – Updated weekly
- Conduct Card – Should be initialed daily by a parent/guardian

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# WEEKLY 5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER



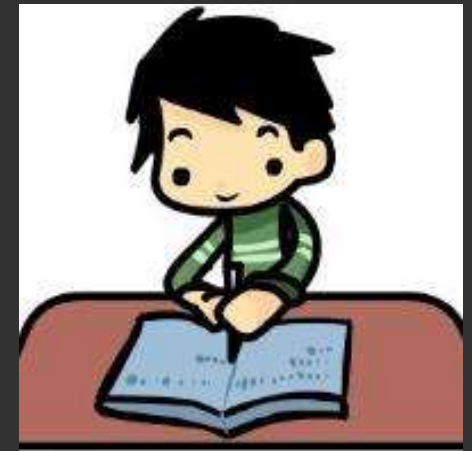
Canvas is our district's Learning Management System. Communications and information can be shared through this tool. Follow these 3 easy steps to ensure you are kept up-to-date with your student's education.

<p><b>1</b> Sign in and set your password. A checklist is below. Need further assistance?</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Time Parent Login to Canvas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you have a valid email in Skyward</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Open the Canvas login page</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Select "Forgot Password"</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to your email account</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Open the email from Canvas and create a new password</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Login to Canvas with email address and new password</li></ul>	<p><b>2</b> Set Notifications/Add Cell Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notification Settings to turn on: Announcements and Conversations</li></ul> <p>Need further assistance? Check out these resources: <a href="https://bit.ly/canvaslcisd">bit.ly/canvaslcisd</a></p> <p><b>3</b> Stay Connected Download the Canvas app for your phone.</p> <p> <a href="https://goo.gl/yE67H">https://goo.gl/yE67H</a></p> <p> <a href="https://goo.gl/XK1ebi">https://goo.gl/XK1ebi</a></p>
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- The newsletter will be electronically distributed every Friday, through Canvas.
- Newsletters will include events, objectives, assessment dates and other details deemed necessary by the grade level.
- Please make sure that you are signed up for a Canvas parent account.

# FIFTH GRADE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students need to arrive in dress code and on time daily.
- Come prepared. Bring materials for all classes, agenda, and a book to read.
- Keep up with ID tag, dismissal/car tag.
- Take responsibility for his/her behavior and learning.
- Keep track of both classwork and homework assignments.
- Produce work that reflects a high level of effort and quality.



# ATTENDANCE: ABSENCE POLICY

**3 Unexcused Absences:**

Teacher contacts parents

**4 Unexcused Absences:**

Counselor contacts parents

**6 Unexcused Absences:**

Family Support Specialist contacts parents

**8 Unexcused Absences:**

Parent meeting with the attendance review committee & intervention plan

**10 Unexcused Absences:**

Truancy Filed

Up to 5 Parent letters will be accepted for excused absences. Absences after 5 will be marked as unexcused, unless a Doctor's note is presented.

The Texas attendance policy states that a student must be in a class at least 90% of the time if they want to be sure to get credit for that class.

If students miss 18 or more school days, it can prevent them from promoting to the next grade level.

# ATTENDANCE: TARDY POLICY

1<sup>st</sup> - Teacher meets with student to discuss why late

2<sup>nd</sup> - Teacher meets with student to discuss why late and to find a solution

3<sup>rd</sup> - Teacher contacts parent by phone as a courtesy to ensure they understand morning procedures and to help find a solution

4<sup>th</sup> - Counselor meets with student to develop a positive intervention plan

5<sup>th</sup> - Counselor contacts parent to ensure parent understands morning procedures and explains that next tardy will result in discipline referral.

6<sup>th</sup> and beyond - Discipline referral automatically entered into Skyward

The tardy count starts at zero each 9- week grading period.





# THE GOLD STANDARD

## ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, iPads, earbuds, and tablets **MUST** be turned off and in backpacks for the duration of the instructional day

- 1st Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee
- 3rd Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is assigned ISS
- 4th Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is suspended
- 5th Offense - Parent contact, phone confiscated, and parent must retrieve phone with a \$15 fee, and student is recommended to attend ALC
- 6th Offense and beyond - Recommended ALC Placement



# PHONES & SMART WATCHES

# UNIFORM DRESS CODE

- Collared Shirts: Solid red, white, gray, black, or navy
- PTO Spirit Wear or Official School Shirts
- Bottoms: Solid black, gray, navy, red, white, khaki, or blue denim (No stripes or patterns)
  - free from rips, tears, or holes
- Joggers are permitted. Leggings must be worn under shorts or skirts.
- Shorts & Skirts: Must be at least mid-thigh length (approximately finger-tip length)
- Jackets & Hoodies: When worn in the building, they must be solid red, white, gray, black, navy, or official Adolphus jackets/hoodies.
- Shoes: Safe for school, athletic shoes with closed toes and backs are preferred. Crocs are discouraged and are not allowed for PE. No shoes with wheels.
- Hair: Clean, well groomed, out of eyes, and non-distracting

# PROPER P.E. SHOES



Please learn your child's P.E. days!

Wear tennis shoes with laces or velcro for P.E. for safety reasons.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

This letter is to inform you that your child was not able to participate in P.E. today because he/she was not wearing appropriate attire on his/her feet. Shoes not safe for PE: crocs, sandals, open-toed shoes, boots, slip on shoes, heydudes, vans, dress shoes, mary jane flats, heelys, or shoes with a heel.

**This is your child's:**

	First Note		Second Note		Third Note		Fourth Note		Fifth Note		Sixth Note
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It is extremely important that your child wears **flat, rubber-sole, tennis shoes with laces or velcro that are fixed firmly on their feet, cover the entire foot for safety during PE.** Your child will be running, jumping, and doing various other physical activities in their tennis shoes. This is a huge safety precaution, a necessity to maintain the gym floor, and it is also part of your student's P.E. skill grade.

- Each time your child does not wear the proper shoes to P.E., he/she will receive a mark in the grade book.
- Three marks in a single 9 weeks will constitute a drop in his/her P.E. skill grade.

I appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [ktosch@lcisd.org](mailto:ktosch@lcisd.org)  
Thank you, Coach Tosch

Sign and Return: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign & **return it** the following school day so that I know you have received this notice.



# NUT FREE CLASSROOMS

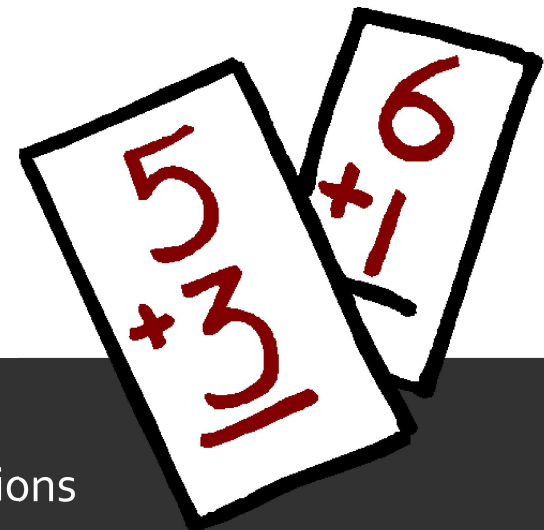
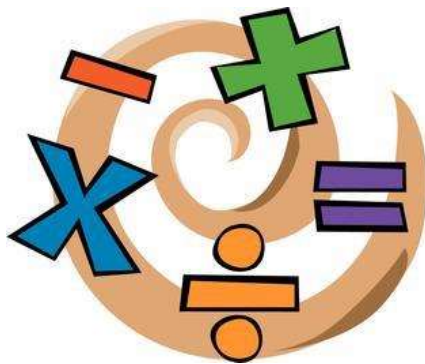


- Classrooms are to be peanut free. A child with serious peanut allergy can potentially suffer a reaction merely by touching or smelling a food with nuts or nut butter.
- Please do not send any nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, or foods containing these items as snacks. They will not be allowed to be eaten in the classroom.
- All birthday treats must be nut free.
  - Cupcakes, cookies, and donuts must be store bought, in original container with ingredient list that is nut free. Please refrain from buying mixed donuts—they often contain nuts.
- The above does not apply to lunches. Students will still be able to eat food of their choice in the café as we have ensured areas that will remain nut free zones.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We are trying to ensure the safety of all of our children.

# GRADES

- Math requires a **minimum of 9 grades (7 minors / 2 majors)**
- RLA requires a **minimum of 9 grades (7 minors / 2 majors)**
- Science and Social Studies require a **minimum of 7 grades (5 minors / 2 majors)**
- Students and parents can login to Skyward to monitor grades at any time. Go to [LCISD.org](http://LCISD.org). Click "Family Access" to view your child's grades at any time through Skyward.
- Progress Reports – printed and given around the midpoint of the nine weeks
- You can also adjust your settings in Skyward to get daily/weekly grade alerts.

# MATH



Dreambox

-at least 4 lessons each week



Workstations



Fact Fluency



Morning Work

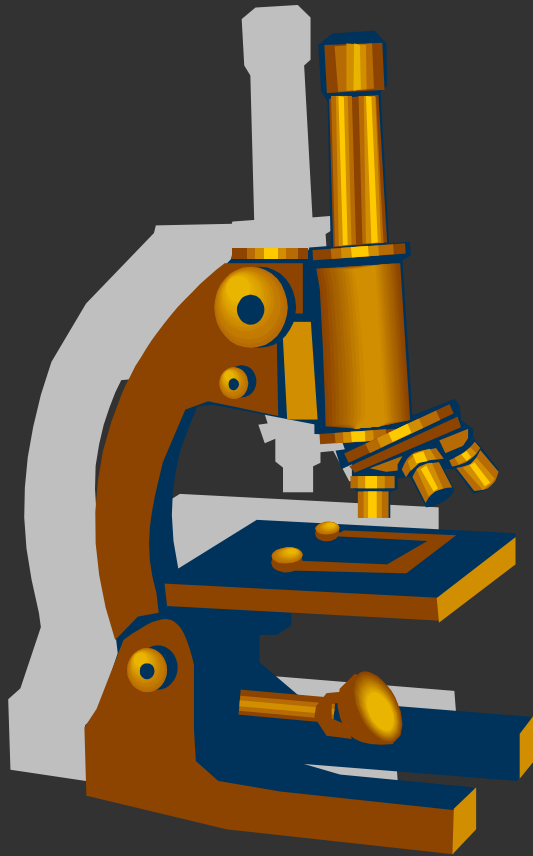


Daily Homework



*Texas Go Math  
Consumable Textbook  
(online)*

# SCIENCE



- Science Lab is part of Specials rotation
- Interactive Notebook
- STEM Activities
- Science STAAR
- Innovation & Robotics Club (November-December)
- Science Olympiad (Spring)

# SOCIAL STUDIES



Interactive Notebooks will include:

- Geography
- Early English Settlements
- Original 13 Colonies
- Revolutionary War
- Constitution & Bill of Rights
- Founding Fathers
- Civil War & Reconstruction
- World War I and II
- Civil Rights Movement
- Industrialization
- Modern U.S.



# READING & LANGUAGE ARTS

- Campus & classroom libraries
- Interactive read-aloud
- Independent reading
  - Reading Response Notebook
  - 40 book challenge
  - Read 20 minutes each night & respond in notebook
- Book clubs
- Interactive RLA Notebook
  - Comprehension strategies
  - Grammar
  - Writing strategies, brainstorming ideas & drafts
  - Vocabulary development



Writing process through multiple genres



Grammar & conventions



Revising & editing



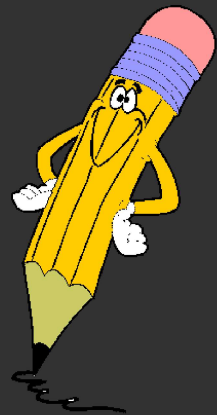
Listening/speaking

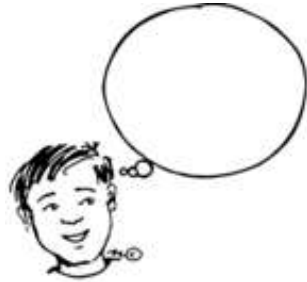


Handwriting (print and cursive)



Typing written responses.





# WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

- Model, model, model!
- Read with your children.
- Read each night.
- Reading Responses in their notebook
- Hold them accountable for their learning.
- Ask questions, laugh, talk, infer, predict, make connections, visualize

# HOMework

- Math problems each night
- Dreambox Math at least 4 lessons per week
- Read 20 minutes each night and respond in notebook
- Weekly reading homework
  - It will be Reading Plus once that is up and running. (Assignments available Monday-Sunday.)
  - Until then, we will send home paper homework due on Friday.
- Students should be recording homework and due dates in their agendas.



# ONLY FIFTH GRADERS GET TO...

- Academic Basketball
- Announcements, Robotics, Safety Patrol, Rhythm Club, and Choir
- Field Trips
  - Long Acres Ranch Science Field Trip – October 16 & 17
  - University Field Trip - Feb. ???
  - End of Year Party –May 20 (Place TBD)
- Ultimate House Wars Teacher Experience – December 5
- Variety Show – End of May
- House Council 3rd – 5th (Officers)
- Fifth Grade Awards Ceremony
  - End of Year Slide Show (Parent Volunteer??)



# Ron Clark House System at Adolphus

Everyone belongs.



# ADOLPHUS ELEMENTARY PTO



- \$200 classroom consumables per teacher
- field trips
- 5th grade shirts
- Long distance field trip transportation
- End of the year party

**“We make a LIVING  
by what we GET,  
but we make a LIFE  
by what we GIVE.”**

**-Winston Churchill**

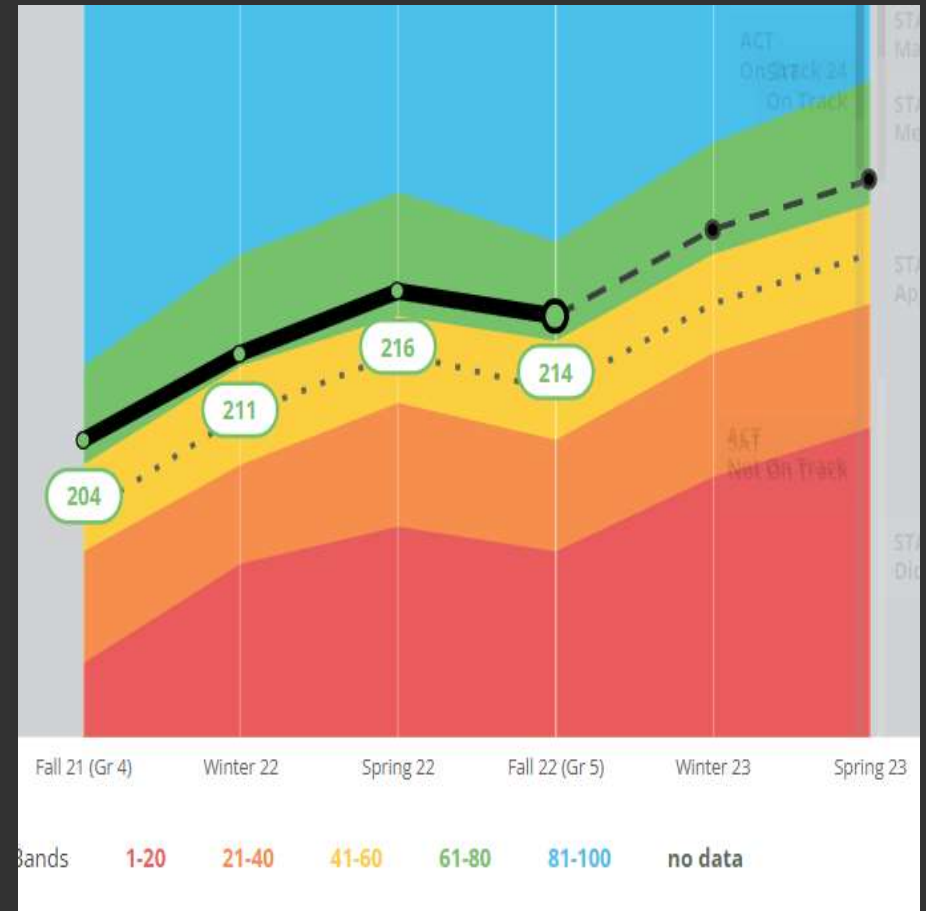
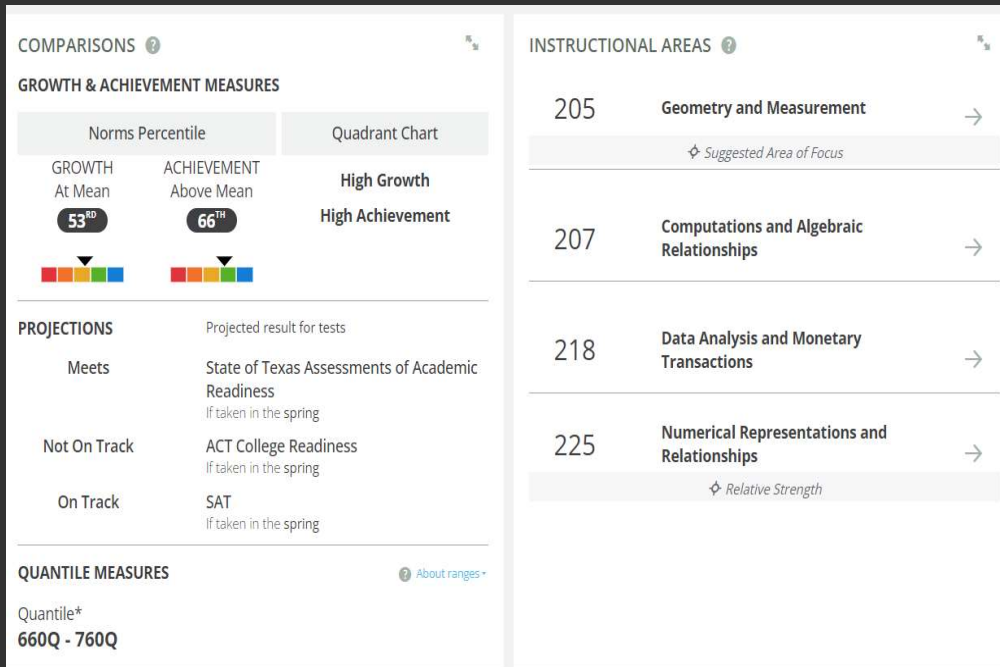
**Joining PTO does not mean you have to volunteer.**

# MAP TESTING

August, January, May

- Math
- Reading
- Fluency (replacing GRA)

## Scores and what they mean...



# STAAR TESTING DATES

TEAMWORK



RLA – Wednesday, April 9



Science – Tuesday, April 15



Math – Wednesday, April 24



THANK YOU!

We appreciate you taking the time to learn how to best set your child up for success!



# **WELCOME TO ADOLPHUS ELEMENTARY**

**2024-2025**

