

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2024-25 school year. This will be my 4th year teaching online but I have over 20 years of teaching experience. I have high expectations and believe hard work and critical thinking are the ingredients to success. I am compassionate and approachable but firm and fair. I will do my best to instill a love of learning and fundamental virtues to last a lifetime. Fourth and fifth grade is an exciting year as your child will grow as a learner and become more independent. I am here for you and your child, and I look forward to working with you throughout the school year. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact me. As your child's virtual classroom teacher, I believe that parent communication is very important. I will be communicating with you often about my classroom plans, learning expectations, school happenings, and other information.

The school day for 4th and 5th graders will be Monday-Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm this year. We will take a 15-minute break at about 12:00 pm for the students to grab some lunch. The first day of school is Tuesday, July 23, 2024, and students must be present the full day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. Daily live lessons are whole group and grade level small groups for math and reading. Daily independent assignments in core subjects will be given after each LIVE session.

Google Classroom will be our primary platform for our school year. It will allow me to create subject based files, distribute assignments, see and grade work, and send your child immediate feedback. Once I get my class roster, I will be sending a google classroom invite which they will need go through their school email and accept. In the classroom I will have a power point presentation explaining, in greater detail, my online program.

Suggested supplies your child may need while distant learning: Computer/laptop or iPad with camera (adjustable preferred) and microphone, mouse, headphones (great for noise cancellation and limited distractions), access to a printer if possible. EDUPRIZE will be providing math problem set books, Benchmark Universe magazines and any other consumables that the student needs.

I am looking forward to being your child's teacher and facilitating their learning this year. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at terry.maurer@eduprizeschools.net.

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