

CES Eagles! 5/6 Split Grade Program

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Chimacum Elementary

Grades 5/6
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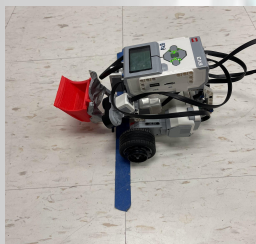
Congratulations! You have been accepted as a cadet aboard the USS Starship Equinox! The Equinox is the top vessel in the Chimaicum Elementary fleet. Your record of excellence, curiosity, and a desire to learn has made you a perfect candidate for work aboard our starship. Ms. Berg, Mr. Barbuto, and Mr. Gonzalez welcome you aboard and we look forward to watching you lead our school as positive role models for all the other students!

We have a new Principal this year so please make sure to welcome Leigh Schwartz to CES!



Here are the rules and consequences we will be following to ensure that everyone can learn in our classes:

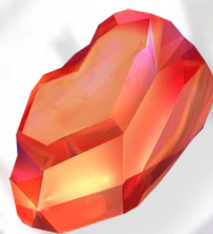
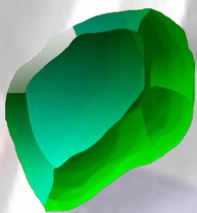
- 1. Listen and follow directions.**
 - 2. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.**
 - 3. Respect your classmates and your teachers.**
- 1st consequence: warning**
 - 2nd consequence: time-out in the classroom**
 - 3rd consequence: message home**



THE MISSION: If you break a class rule, we will follow the consequences listed above and teachers will also leave a comment on Classdojo. Rule breaking deducts a point on Classdojo and parents will be able to read what you did. If you break rules three times in one day, you will get a second in-class time-out as well as a communication home. Your parents will need to respond to the message to let us know they got the communication. The goal is for us all to make our classes safe and happy. :)

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WELCOME ABOARD!

“When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out.”

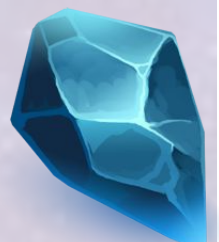
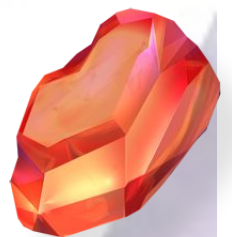
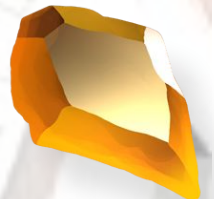
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Dear 5th and 6th grade Students and Families!

We are SO EXCITED to have you with us this year and so excited to have the students that we worked with last year in 5th grade again for 6th grade! We have new 5th graders joining our 6th graders this year again and that is amazing! This year we will have THREE 5/6 classes so that we can have our 5th graders back with again next year! And do not worry, 5th graders will be assessed only on 5th grade standards and will not be expected to perform at a 6th grade level. We'll leave that to our wonderful 6th graders. 😊 We are glad to have you and will do our best to help you have a fun and rewarding and educational year.

Getting to have three 5/6 classes is due to over 20 new students enrolling in our school last week! Because of that we were able to hire a new 5/6 Math teacher, Mr. Barbuto! Let's make sure to give a warm Chimacum welcome to Mr. Barbuto, our new 5/6 Math teacher and Mr. Schwartz, our new CCP/CES Principal!

All this means that you will have three main teachers this year, Mr. Barbuto, Ms. Berg, and Mr. Gonzalez, plus your specialists, Mr. Meacham, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Young, and Ms. Moriarty! Everyone will have Mr. Barbuto, Ms. Berg, and Mr. Gonzalez every day. Students will have specialists once, sometimes twice every week.



TEACHERS -

ELA/SS (English Language Arts and Social Studies) - Ms. Berg in Room 404

Math - Mr. Barbuto in Room 403

Science - Mr. Gonzalez in Room 410

PE - Mr. Meacham in the Gym

Music - Mr. Brennan in the Band Room

Art - Mr. Young in Room 504

Library - Ms. Moriarty in, of course, the Library! 😊

Counseling - Ms. Kaster

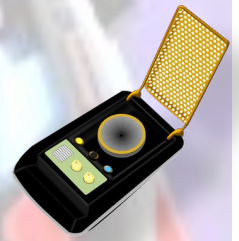
Resource Room - Mr. Betteley

COMMUNICATION -

- **Classdojo** - We will use this app to communicate with you at home to keep you informed about what goes on at school as well as to let you know how your child is behaving. Please the next page to sign up using the Classdojo links for all three classes, ELA/SS, Math, and Science. We will use this to communicate lessons for the week (what our plan is) as well as to communicate information regarding behavior and any important events or other information.
- **Email** - Classdojo is better for parent to teacher communication, but email can work as well. Find our school email addresses in this document. Students will be taught how to effectively use Gmail for communication with teachers and classmates.

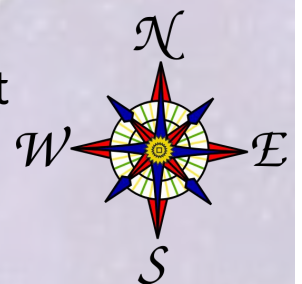
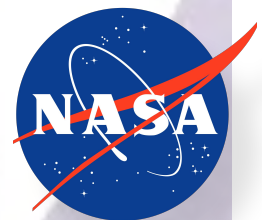
CLASSWORK -

- **Google Classroom** - We will use Google Classroom as the Home Base for all classwork. This is the site that students should be logging into every day to start their work. Any other texts, links, videos or websites we use will be reachable from this location. We will teach or reacquaint students with how to use this powerful tool.
- **Classcraft** - Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Barbuto use this in addition to Google Classroom. They will teach students how to log-on, get connected, and use this amazing Learning Management System (LMS).



Laptops and Homework -

Every student will be issued their own laptop. Students will use the laptops at school. We are very excited to be getting brand new laptops for all our 5/6 students this year! Students will have to be extra careful with these laptops, therefore families have the option to leave them here at school every day so there is less chance of accidental damage. We will be sending home a form for families to sign before students can take laptops home. We will let you know on Clasdojo when this form is sent home with your child so you can fill it out as soon as possible.



AMAZING EXPERIENCES



Ms. Berg, Mr. Barbuto, and Mr. Gonzalez do NOT assign much homework if any. For ELA Ms. Berg asks that students read a book of their choice at home every night. We all know that many families are busy in the evenings so if you would like homework for your child message us on Classdojo. If you are okay with having your child do no homework, that is completely fine.

DAILY SCHEDULE -

This year students will have PE with Mr. Meacham, Music with Mr. Brennan, Art with Mr. Young, and Library with Mrs. Moriarty. Ms. Berg, Mr. Barbuto, and Mr. Gonzalez will have each class every day for approximately an hour and 30 minutes each. Schedules are included in this document on page 12.

Garden - The garden! This year we are adding our 5th & 6th grade garden work to our Ocean Guardian School's Environmental Stewardship Project! In June the garden team worked on an application to add the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades to the Ocean Guardian School program so our entire elementary school is an official NOAA sponsored Ocean Guardian School! Mondays will be garden day for us in Science.

Mathematics

Hello, and welcome to the beginning of the school year. This year in math, we will be continuing to discover many exciting new concepts, and likely encountering many gaps in student learning due to COVID that we'll have to fill in.

Over the course of the year, we'll cover

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of the three main types of numbers we have encountered in earlier years: whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.
- Using the number line, using a coordinate axis (x-y axis) to plot points & introducing the idea of a scatter plot
- Finding areas & volumes of different shapes
- How to analyze data by finding the mean/median/mode & talking about the idea of variation in the data

Also, while it is true that all of the students will be in mixed 5th & 6th grade classes, it turns out that the difference between the two math classes is mostly just the difficulty or length of the problems.



For example, both grades will cover volumes of “rectangular prisms” (aka, a box), but the 6th grade students will also need to find the surface area. This is something that the 5th graders can definitely attempt, but they will not be graded lower if they can't figure out. Over the year there will be several concepts which the 5th grade students can attempt, but are not expected to master (and these concepts will be clearly marked to not cause any additional stress).

Mr. Barbuto

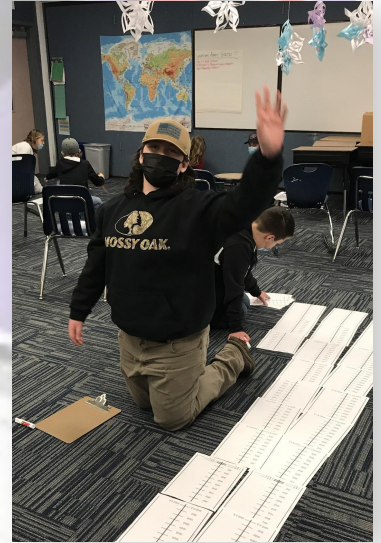
ELA & Social Studies

English Language Arts and Social Studies with Ms. Berg

Welcome!! I am so excited to have 5th graders and 6th graders again this year! Our time in class will be spent reading, writing, and learning history and geography together. Our reading projects will also support the work we collectively do as an Ocean Guardian School.

For English Language Arts, the reading and writing we do in 5th and 6th grade builds on skills learned in 4th and 5th grade. We will be doing the same work, but feedback will be provided based on where students should be as the 5th or 6th grader that they are. This year we get to pilot (try out) a new Language Arts program for the first few months of school. All 5th and 6th grade students will be a part of this. After the pilot is over, we will continue reading and writing through a wide variety of tasks and experiences.

All 5th and 6th graders will be expected to read a book of their choice at home, every day. Twice a week they will be expected to respond to that reading by writing an entry in their Reading Journal, which will come home with them every day, except Mondays. On Mondays I will check them in for completion and every three weeks I will also respond to the entries by writing in the Reading Journal as well. This will be a regular opportunity to earn points in Classdojo. Students can get books from their regular trips to the library, from the classroom, or from home.



Reading 20 minutes per day, every day, has a wide variety of benefits, aside from the obvious academic benefits. Maybe the whole family can take on this challenge so everyone can benefit!

For Social Studies, there will be some separate grade-level work. For example, we will all do world mapping and general learning regarding the world. The 5th grade curriculum focuses on US History and the 6th grade curriculum focuses on Ancient Civilizations. Therefore, there will be times when the two grade levels will be receiving separate instruction and will be doing separate work.

Don't expect to see much work coming home, but feel free to look at Google Classroom work with your student anytime. Other work will be kept in notebooks here in the classroom, so that we can reflect on it and continue learning from it.



Point your photo app at this QR code to see the complete list of the benefits of reading at least 20 minutes a day, every day!





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

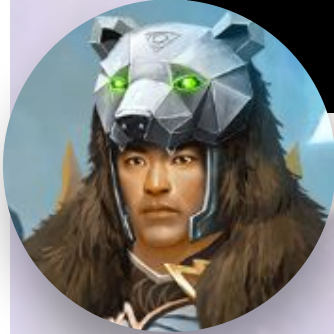
6th Grade Outdoor Education -

This year we have a reservation from April 10 to April 13 at the Islandwood camp in Bainbridge Island for our overnight outdoor education experience **for 6th graders ONLY!** We are looking forward to taking all our 6th graders on this amazing STEM adventure. More information will be coming home later so be on the lookout once we learn more.

Classdojo -

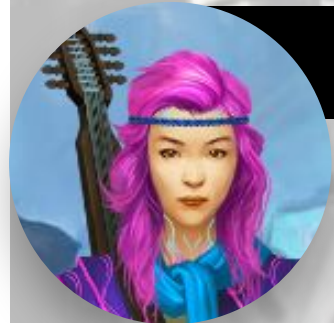
On the next page you will find the links for Ms. Berg's ELA and SS course, Mr. Barbuto's Math course, and Mr. Gonzalez's Science course. Please sign up for your child's HOMEROOM (either **6A OR 6B OR 6C**) for **ALL THREE** classes, Ms. Berg, Mr. Barbuto, AND Mr. Gonzalez, by typing the shortened links into any browser on any device (you only need to sign up for three classes and **NOT** all nine). 😊

**YOUR ADVENTURE HAS BEEN DIVIDED ACROSS
FOUR QUADRANTS OF CES**



ALPHA QUADRANT: Classdojo Join Codes

Mr. Barbuto 6A: bit.ly/Barbuto6A
Ms. Berg 6A: bit.ly/Berg6A
Mr. Gonzalez 6A: bit.ly/Gonzalez6A
Mr. Barbuto 6B: bit.ly/Barbuto6B
Ms. Berg 6B: bit.ly/Berg6B
Mr. Gonzalez 6B: bit.ly/Gonzalez6B
Mr. Barbuto 6C: bit.ly/Barbuto6C
Ms. Berg 6C: bit.ly/Berg6C
Mr. Gonzalez 6C: bit.ly/Gonzalez6C



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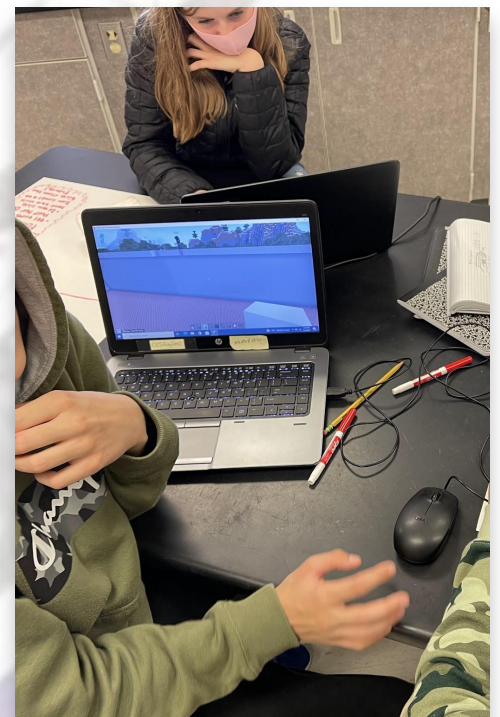
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Ocean Guardian School

This year all students from grade 3 through 6 in Chimacum Elementary School are part of NOAA's Ocean Guardian School program! Our amazing garden team wrote a proposal to add the work they are doing as well as the watershed and creek restoration and salmon work all our classes have been doing. As part of the 5/6 grade Environmental Stewardship Project your child will get to participate in more amazing outdoor experiences this year. In addition to our garden work, 5th & 6th graders will study our watershed as we figure out ways to help maintain all the different habitats in our valley. It is this very Environmental Stewardship Project that Chimacum students have been doing since 2002 that made our school an Ocean Guardian School first! It is this project that earned Mr. Gonzalez the 2022 EPA Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators!

In class, students will be learning about water pollution and human impacts on our world's waters. Restoration Stewards from the North Olympic Salmon Coalition (NOSC) will teach kids about Chimacum Creek and biological integrity. Mr. Gonzalez will take students to two spots along Chimacum Creek for fish trapping to count fish and for water quality testing. We might even get to go tree planting again! 🙌🙌



Schedules

Here are all the schedules for this year:

DAILY SCHEDULE

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Schedule

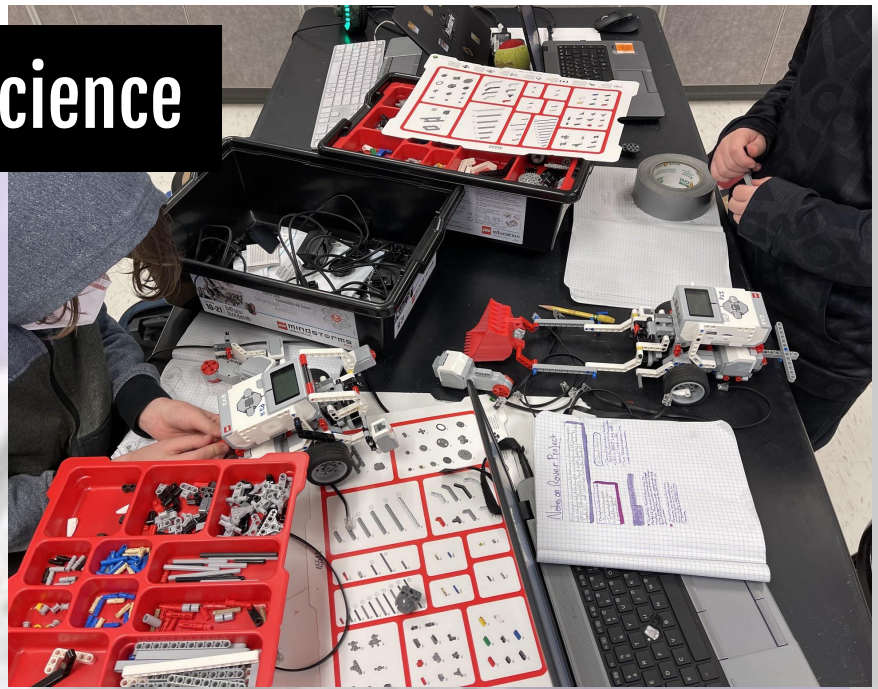
Times	Class
8:30 to 8:45 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:45 to 10:20 am	Period 1
10:20 to 10:30 am	Period 2
10:30 to 11:20 am	Specialist Time
11:20 to 12:20 pm	Period 2 cont'd
12:20 to 12:55 pm	Lunch
12:55 to 1:25 pm	Period 2 cont'd
1:25 to 1:50 pm	Period 3
1:50 to 2:00 pm	Recess
2:00 to 3:15 pm	Period 3 cont'd
3:15 to 3:20 pm	Dismissal

WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

Wed Schedule	
Times	Class
8:30 to 8:45 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:45 to 10:10 am	Period 1
10:10 to 10:30 am	Period 2
10:30 to 11:20 pm	Specialist Time
11:20 to 12:20 pm	Period 2 cont'd
12:20 to 12:55 pm	Lunch
12:55 to 2:15 pm	Period 3
2:15 to 2:20 pm	Dismissal

Robotics & Computer Science

ALL 5/6 students will use our robotics kits in Science as part of our physical science unit but be on the lookout for a morning robotics club! We hear that it might be starting up again!



Minecraft & Esports!

All 5/6 students will be using Minecraft Education Edition in Science AND we will be continuing our amazing CES Minecraft Esports program! Esports club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning before school start from 7:30 to 8:30 am. This is our 4th year offering this incredible opportunity to our students.

You or your child can ask Mr. Gonzalez or message him on Classdojo for more information and for a permission slip packet.



SET A COURSE FOR ADVENTURE

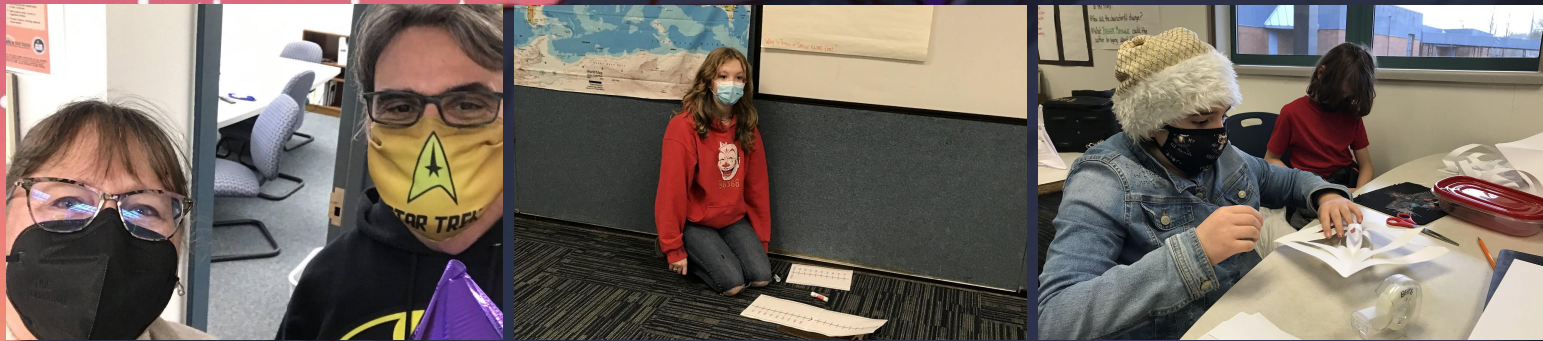


This is going to be an amazing year and it all begins with each and every one of YOU! It's when we ALL do our part to BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, and BE BRAVE that we can truly make our classes happy places to LEARN and GROW!



"Learn every day, adapt to different circumstances, see challenges as opportunities, and be creatively brave."

- Jon Favreau Director, The Mandalorian



"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill

THEY SAY YOUR FAVORITE CLASS IS THE ONE THAT YOU LIKE THE MOST. BUT YOUR BEST CLASS IS THE ONE WHERE YOU LEARN THE MOST. IF WE BOTH DO OUR JOBS RIGHT, THESE CLASSES WILL BE BOTH OF THOSE THINGS. EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.



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