

Welcome to Fifth Grade Parents!

My name is Mrs. Ochss and it is a pleasure to meet you all this year. This year is my first year as a teacher, and I would love to give you a little bit of a background on myself. I had been working in the customer service industry for almost 20 years, when I decided that it was time for a change. I kept having opportunities to teach to elementary students and decided that it was time for a career change. I went to Schoolcraft College to get my teaching certificate through their alternate route program and my original degree was from Eastern Michigan University in Electronic Media and Film Studies. Which is why I am really excited to have accepted this position at Oakland County Academy of Media and Technology.

As we are a Media and Technology School we will be doing a lot of work on our computers. Every worksheet will be available in an online format as well as additional printed copies for class. If your students are in the classroom their computers and chargers will go home on Thursday night and both should be returned on Monday morning.

As of right now our schedule is that in the mornings we will tend to work more with our in class texts and worksheets. In the afternoon we will be working more with technology and small group interventions. If the schedule changes for some reason I will let everyone know. I'm really glad that we have some great websites to help with at home. I will be controlling standards learned and skills that the kids are working on through our classrooms. As we start our new curriculum, our topics will be introduced in the morning. We will do small group work and students will be given the chance to finish up assignments that were not completed in the morning. I am hoping that there will be very little that has to be taken home.

The current plan for virtual Friday's is that every student will have the opportunity to work with me one on one for at least 30 minutes if they need to. They will be given a specific time. Also for my online students this will be a great time to get to know me and ask additional questions. My students are more than welcome to email if they have a question over the weekend or need additional help. I may not be able to respond immediately but I will get back to them as quickly as possible.

Our main class work is going to be through Google Classrooms, Students will use their school email and class code to log into this. I will post assignments through this and it will be updated daily. Their main assignments online will be on Friday. It will be a combination of all classes, and it may be to review previous work, work in StemScope, work on Everyday Mathematics, work in epic, work on something in prodigy, work in exact path, or work on Social Studies. If students need one on one work we will schedule our times to meet during this. If you want to talk to me, I can schedule a google meet with you on Friday. I will have our google class calendar updated as soon as I can. It may change as the year progresses, however, all assignments will be posted.

If you as a parent would like access to your students work throughout the year and what exactly they are doing, most of the websites we use have a linking system, so if you send me an e-mail I will gladly link your account to your students so you can follow their progress.

Google classroom logins are the students google emails the class code to join our online class and see assignments is 4gmcus6

If your student does not know his or her login please email me at [kochss@ocamt.academy](mailto:kochss@ocamt.academy) I will respond to you within 24 hours.

Math:

Everyday Mathematics <http://www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com/> I will get logins once they are available, however, it will most likely be linked to their school email.

ProdigyGames <https://www.prodigygame.com/> our class code: 0DED5F2 This will be used for supplemental instruction and I will tailor this to where students in the class need the most work. If the entire class is struggling with a standard they will be able to use this to supplement their instruction. I am able to assign standards and assessments as a teacher so if all their work in Everyday Mathematics is completed on Friday we will use this to focus on struggling areas. I will ask them to sign in as if they are at school and not at home. I can link your email to their account so you can see their progress as the year goes on.

Reading books and quizzes:

Journey's: Once I have the login information for this I will share it with the kids and send it home. This is the book that we are going to be using to work with in class.

<http://www.getepic.com> our class code is jq0282 I can assign additional work to them if the need help in a particular subject, this is also a good website for them to just enjoy reading and videos over the weekend. I can link your email to their student account, so you can see what is going on.

Science:

Will be done through StemScopes. I will send home login information for this program once I have it.

Social Studies:

Will be done through Pearson: I will home login information when I have it.

Classroom Behavior:

This is going to be monitored through <http://www.classdojo.com> If you want to monitor your students behavior throughout the day or message me Please give me an e-mail address to add you to the class. This will be on my cell phone and I will be able to update it frequently. The students will have the ability to login through their google accounts and check their status throughout the day.

Other educational websites:

Abcya.com

Go noodle

Coolmathforkids.com

Shepperdssoftware.com

Natgeo.com

Please let me know if you feel that your student is struggling on anything at home, if you need extra help with the online portion or if you have any questions about my classroom. The only way that I can know

what you are thinking is if you communicate with me. If that means that we need to talk daily we will, my school email is always with me on my phone. So is my classroom dojo.

I am excited to work with your group of fifth graders, and I am looking forward to an amazing year with them.

Have A wonderful Year!

Mrs. Kate Ochss