



WELCOME TO 5TH AND 6TH GRADE - 2016 - 2017

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Welcome to the 5th and 6th Grade Classroom! There are definite changes as students enter this grade level. We are now in the "middle school" grades; that is reflected with more departmentalization, discussions, decisions, and depth, especially as we study more advanced subject matter and Biblical truths.

I want to teach each child in the best way that I can, whether he or she is a visual, auditory, or kinesthetic learner; and of course with God's guidance in every step of our school day. A Bible verse that I love and that we talk about is Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope".

ABOUT OUR FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE TEACHER

Miss Annamary Seltz

My Bachelor's Degree in Education is from Concordia College in St. Paul; I also have a Master's Degree from Winona State University.

I taught second grade at St. John's Lutheran School in Merrill, Wisconsin for three years, and have been teaching at St. Martin's ever since.



WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR IN FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE ...

In **Religion Class**, we will be exploring Bible stories and how they relate to our lives today, from the Old Testament to the New Testament. We have prayer time, and the students begin to minister more to each other as we share prayer requests about what is on our hearts.



In **Social Studies**, we study the history of the United States, the World, and our own state of Minnesota (over a two year period). This year we will be emphasizing World History. In our class, we will usually start writing short reports or learn to give presentations on historical people or places. We will be attending the Cemetery Walk here in Winona in October where we can learn more of the history of our own town!

Science Class includes the study of living and non-living things, the Earth, the Planets, Oceanography and many other topics.

We expand our **Reading** skills in varied ways, including; teacher read books, group reading, free read time, book discussions, Accelerated Reader, Book-It, and book reports.

Our **Math** program uses Saxon Math, a series well known for its constant review of new concepts. We will learn many concepts involving multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and pre-algebra among other skills.



English is also emphasized in this classroom, with importance on grammar as well as writing skills. There will be weekly Spelling tests on Wednesdays and Handwriting sheets to practice neatness in writing skills.

Added to these core subjects are **Physical Education** and **Health** Classes with Mr. Jacobson, **Music** with Mr. Finke, and **Art** with Ms. Erickson. This year the students will be part of the School Choir directed by myself.

In our classroom, daily work is to be turned in on time. After school help will be offered on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons per agreement with parents and myself. Most work should be able to be finished in class, unless a special project or homework assignment would be given. If work is not done, there will be consequences, depending on the individual (finish assignment during recess or other free time etc.)



The main focus in our classroom is the way we show God's love to each other as we live and learn from day to day. It is great for the students to know that in this time of change in their lives, God never changes and is with each and every one of them always!

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