

Mrs. Meyer's Syllabus:

Welcome to 5th grade! I am welcoming 19 students to this classroom this year with a 2:1 ratio of boys to girls. It should be fun! I've taught in the district for over 10+ years with 4th grade being my last class in WAPS before going to be the Director of Hope Harbor for 3 years (a Christian residential program for at-risk teen girls). I taught 2nd grade here at St. Martin's last year. I've enjoyed each class that God has given for me to teach and love to see the students excel at the gifts and talents that He's given to them.

I've been married to Rich for over 36 years and am grateful for the family God has given to me. I have 5 boys: 3 are married so I have 3 lovely daughter-in-laws, 3 grandchildren and 2 more on the way; another son in Utah and our last son-15 years old - at home.

My goal is to inspire and encourage students to become the best at what they are and realize the potential that is inside of them to accomplish all that they are capable of doing. I hope to create life-long learners. I enjoy learning with the students and letting them know that sometimes I'm learning right along with them! Discovery can be intoxicating! I hope to engage students in a love for life and learning. I want them to feel successful, capable, and knowing that they have something to contribute to our classroom. We all learn differently. But we are all learning each day. They are valuable to this world, this school, and our classroom. I strive to set a standard of excellence through modeling and engagement with them and hope that they will then take that into their world.

I have many favorite Bible verses but the key one for me is found in 2 Cor. 5:17 "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." It carries very special meaning to me and is connected to my love for butterflies.

We will be studying plants, planets, motion, and other things in *Science* this year. In *Social Studies*, we will work on understanding the formation of American colonies, their conflicts, and eventual independence as well as the founding of our government in early America. *Language Arts* will have quite a bit of reading in house but also reading at home giving a book report once per quarter in creative formats. And yes, we still have spelling work. *Math* will begin with reviews of last year's content and then moving into division in multi-step order, doing algebraic equations, graphing coordinates on a plane, and doing some geometry. In *Health* we will discuss physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health as well as making good decisions, self-esteem and stress, our growing body systems and it's development. It should be a great year!

We will be discussing rules the first few weeks. I want our class to be participating and understanding how we all work together in order to have a well-maintained classroom. The components that will be included are 1) Listening skills 2) Respectful of others, property and self 3) Obeying all school rules 4) Remaining safe in school 5) Have inside and outside voices, etc.

To close, as you can tell, I'm excited and honored to teach 5th grade this year. I believe strongly that the Lord will guide our steps and give us strength for the days, wisdom for the learning, and

support and love for one another as brothers and sisters. You may contact me anytime during the week at mary.meyer@stmartinswinona.org. I look forward to all God has in store for this school year and the class of 2030!!