4TH GRADE
WHAT’S THE SCOOP?!

STUDENT LIFE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL -
How will 5th grade be different?
Increased freedom, privilege and responsibility in 5th grade, but limited - similar to Freshmen vs. Seniors in high school.

MS students travel to their classes without escorts.

Typically a different teacher/room every period.

Most classes on 2nd & 3rd floor, except for specialists (i.e. - gym, art, music, etc.)

Organization/time management are very important.
- Keep lockers, cinch packs & materials clean, neat & organized.
- Use planners everyday.
- Watch the clocks and listen to the bells.
- **NAME ON EVERYTHING** (Sharpies are our friends!!)
Personal Audio Devices (iPods, MP3 players, etc.), Cell Phones, and Electronic Readers (Kindles, Nooks, etc.)
- Students bring at their own risk.
- “Away for the Day” – kept in lockers
- May use before and after school.
- SLO Loft during Aftercare

BE SURE TO READ THE STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK (Posted on the school website.)
All Middle School Teachers are “Subject Specialists”.

Homeroom Teachers are Different in MS
- Morning Meeting & PM Homeroom Only
- **No longer your primary point person for over-all homework, academic or behavior Q’s.**
- Parents do not need to contact HRT’s directly regarding attendance or behavior.
- Still important to see them at conferences (Morning Meeting, PM Homeroom, special events, etc.)

**Direct your important/big picture Q’s & concerns to:**
- Academics – Dr. Lien
- Behavior – Mr. Brewer
- Student Life – Mrs. Hoyt/Ren Laoshi/Pai Laoshi
- All of the Above – Mrs. Berg
Red – Grades 5-8 may wear red shirts, sweaters, fleece or sweatshirts, in addition to light blue or white.

- Shirts must have collars.
- Black pants/shorts/skirts or “red plaid” Lands’ End skirt.
2-tier lockers on 2nd floor west wing.

Same size as 4th grade lockers.
- 30” T x 15” W x 15” D, Door is 15” W

No locks

Coat hooks & boot trays along walls.

Highly recommend shelves for organization.
- Purchase (Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon) or custom build.
- Must be removed in June.
- Cinch Packs
  - Health & Safety
  - Organization – The “Black Hole”!
  - May only carry school issued Lands’ End cinch pack.
Recess

- **Recess Every Day For All 5th Graders.**

- Recess is outside everyday so bring proper clothing.
  - Snow pants and snow boots are still required when there is snow on the ground and/or it’s below 30 degrees.

- **Music Classes (Orchestra)**

- **Homework Lab**
- **Promotes**
  - Positive School Community
  - Empowerment
  - Community Service
  - Ownership
  - Personal Investment
  - Self Discovery
  - Self Confidence

- **Gain Life Skills**
  - Character
  - Responsibility
  - Organization
  - Leadership
  - Teamwork
  - Communication

- **Structure**
  - Students are selected – not elected - to be leaders.
  - Leaders are called “Prefects”
  - Real jobs, responsibility & accountability
YINGHUA ACADEMY STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION

- **Academics**
  - Teachers Prefects
  - Book Fair
  - Library Prefects
  - Blue Tickets

- **Activities**
  - Student Life Period Clubs
  - MS Dances
  - Yearbook

- **Behavior**
  - Anti-Bullying
  - Golden Tickets
  - Hallway Prefects

- **Community Service**
  - Global Service Project
  - Local Service Project
  - Birthday Board

- **Lower School**
  - 4th/5th Grade Late Nights
  - Reading Buddies
  - Big Siblings

- **Management**
  - Lost & Found
  - Bus Prefects
  - Announcements

- **Sports**
  - School Spirit
  - Concessions
  - Playground Prefects

**Revised 8/6/2018**
5th Grade Retreat

- 5th-6th Grade only
- Camp Friendship, Annandale, MN
- September 18-20, 2019
- 3 Days/2 Nights
- Cost $190-$200 (TBD)

Purpose

- To foster community across grade levels.
- Build rapport between teachers and students.
- Learning, team building, confidence and self discovery.
- Kick off the year with some fun!

Additional details and registration - Spring 2019!