

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to be your child's teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Your mega star 5th grader is going to have a school year filled with lots of action and comedy – and hopefully very little drama or mystery. During this year, I will help your child to become a better reader, writer, and mathematician, as well as prepare him/her for the upcoming independence and responsibility of the junior high years. I am eager to share the yearlong production with you, from the opening number to the final curtain call.

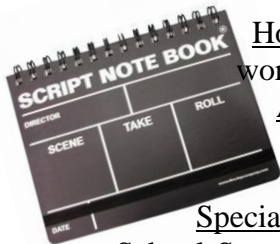


I know that communication between families and the teacher is vital. For this reason, I have multiple methods in place for helping you to become a **VIP (Very Informed Parent)**:

- ♦ Visit my class website (<http://www.quipsd.org/LoriMills.aspx>) to find links to online textbooks, etc.
- ♦ Follow me on *Instagram* (@_msmills) to view pictures of the class in action.
- ♦ Send me an email (lmills@quipsd.org) or call me (724.857.7550).
- ♦ Sign up for *Remind* to receive homework alerts, etc. via email or texts on your cell phone.
- ♦ Request a username and password to view grades online (www.classroll.com).

Additionally, your child will be required to use the daily planner provided by the school to record his/her homework or reminders. Finally, I plan to send home a report, like the one on the next page, every Friday summarizing weekly behaviors.

I explain to my students that throughout our lives, we all have jobs to do. Right now, their job is to excel in their role as student. In addition to SPARC, our school-wide positive behavior plan, I have four basic class rules that I expect them to follow: Be Prepared, Be Respectful, Behave, and Be on Task. I created a classroom economy system, “Mills Money”, to motivate students and reward those who follow these rules and play their part well. Read more about it on the third page.



Homework: Expect it at least 4 nights a week. Please establish a space for your child to work at home and a routine time to complete it. You can find help on my website.

Absences: Arrange for missed work to be sent home with a friend or picked up from the office. Students have time equal to the number of days absent to make up work. Send an excuse upon your child's return.

Specials: We have 5 specials this year, in this order: Art, Library, Music, Tech Ed, & Gym.

School Supplies: Please provide your child with single subject notebooks, pocket folders, a box of tissues, and lots of pencils. I have provided crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue, highlighters, and more. **Donations** of snacks, small prizes, and school supplies for our monthly “Mills Mall” would be **greatly appreciated!**

Although we don't have a script to follow, it will be easy to make this an award winning year if we work together. It's show time. So..... Lights, camera, action!



Ms. Mills
a.k.a the Director