

**Open House
Grade 5
2021**

Ms. Lipo

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- This is my 3rd year teaching at St. Bruno.
- I have taught 5th grade for 5 years.
- I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and History from Knox College in Galesburg, IL.
- I am from Oak Park and live in Chicago.
- My favorite subject to teach is Social Studies.

COVID Safety Measures

- Students & staff wear masks all day except when eating.
- Students practice social distancing .
- Each student has a school issued chromebook.
- We use hand sanitizer everytime we enter and exit a room.
- All desks are sanitized at the end of the day.
- Families communicate if they are traveling out of town, are exposed to COVID, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID, and students are able to e-learn until they are done quarantining.

Curriculum Overview: Reader's Workshop

- The year begins with a study of realistic fiction
- Students learn to write about what they are reading and analyze character, plot, conflict, and theme
- During our nonfiction unit, students will read articles and nonfiction books about social studies and science.
- Students will read fantasy books during a unit on elements of fantasy.
- All students are expected to read independently at home and at school and should have an independent reading book with them at all times.
- 95% of students will read 30+ books during the school year
- We will also reinforce learning during a class read-aloud at the end of the day

Math

- Students are expected to know their multiplication facts up to 12.
- Students will be periodically drilled on their times tables to keep them fresh.
- Topics in 5th grade math include:
 - Long division
 - Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals
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 - Solving equations
 - Percentages and ratios

Science and Religion

- Science and Religion are taught by the 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Lincy
- Students will switch classes for these subjects to teach them organization and scheduling, as well as preparing them to switch for most of their classes in middle school.

Writer's Workshop

- Students will learn how to plan, draft, and write the following:
- Personal narratives
- Persuasive essays
- Essays on a historical topic
- Memoirs

Technology

- Each student has their own Chromebook, school email address, and school Google Suite
- We use Google Classroom for e-learning
- Other websites and apps we use include:
- Kami
- Prodigy
- iReady
- Readworks
- Newsela
- Quizlet

Homework

- Homework will be assigned daily
- Students are expected to study vocabulary on Quizlet each day
- We have a vocab quiz and a spelling quiz every Friday
- We have a reading log due every Friday