About Castelar

Colors: Red & Black
Mascot: Cardinal

Castelar Cardinal Pledge

I promise to do all that I can, to respect myself and others, and to achieve my very best.

8:35 Breakfast
8:50 Instruction Begins
4:05 Dismissal

Principal: Mrs. Vargas
Assistant Principal: Mr. Kaldahl
Secretaries: Ms. Vega & Ms. Ledesma
Bilingual Liaison: Mr. Vega

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Mission Statement

The Castelar community inspires life-long learners in achieving excellence!

La comunidad de Castelar inspira a los estudiantes hacia el aprendizaje continuo para alcanzar la excelencia.

Homework Expectations

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your student completes their homework each night. By partnering together, your student will achieve excellence!

Daily Homework:
1. Read 20 minutes each night.
2. Practice math facts 10 minutes each night.
3. Math homework will be sent home most nights.
4. Parents need to sign the agenda every day.

Homework will be noted in student agenda.

Meet the 5th Grade Team

Mrs. Diaz – Room 217
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Ms. Campbell – Room 213
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What to Expect in 5th Grade

**Reading:** Students will read and comprehend fifth grade level reading material.
- Identify main idea and summarize text
- Use context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words
- Make connections about the reading to self, my experiences, and my world
- Use prefixes and suffixes properly

**Writing:** Students will write a memoir, descriptive narrative, historical fiction piece, poetry, and persuasive letter.

**Math:** Students will learn to apply problem-solving skills to newly acquired concepts.
- Fractions, decimals, and percents
- Standard and metric measurement

**Science:** Students will describe physical properties, learn about scientists, study the earth and life cycles.

**Social Studies:** Students will learn about US History up to the Revolutionary War.

**Grading Scores**

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| On Grade Level             | 3 = Proficient  
|                            | 2 = Basic     |
| Below Grade Level          | 1 = Below Basic  
|                            | 0 = Beginning  |

**Assessments**
- Acuity testing throughout the year
- Throughout the year: Chapter and Unit Assessments
- Bi-weekly Reading Running Records and quarterly benchmarks
- End of year NESA

**Report Cards:**
Grading scores and assessments will be used to determine proficiency levels each quarter. Parents are invited to conferences in October and February to discuss student progress and determine goals to reach grade level by May.

**School-Wide Behavior Plan**

- **Step 1** – Verbal Warning
- **Step 2** – Written Warning
- **Step 3** – Reflection Time (in class or buddy classroom)
- **Step 4** – Phone Call Home
- **Step 5** – PAC Room Referral
- **Step 6** – Office Referral

**School Procedures**

**Arrival:** At 8:35 a.m., all students will enter the southwest doors of the cafeteria for Grab-N-Go breakfast. Students will eat in their classroom.

**Dismissal:** At 4:05 p.m., please be sure your student knows how they will be getting home. Please follow the flow of traffic described in the diagram. If the regular dismissal needs to be changed, please contact the office by 2:00.

**Lunch:** We eat lunch at 12:20 p.m. You are welcome to eat lunch with your student after signing in at the office.

**Absences:** Please call the office to report an absence. Students will be responsible for completing work missed during the absence.

**Volunteers:** Parent volunteers are welcome. Please arrange times with the teacher or Mr. Vega at least one week ahead of time. All volunteers must have a volunteer form on file in the office.

**Recommended Online Resources:**

[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com)

**Special Notes:** We supply all the required classroom materials that your child needs. Please limit the amount of personal items brought from home, as they will be kept in lockers.