

# COMMON CORE Reading, Spelling &

## Writing

Reading & Writing will be integrated into all content areas.

⊙ Houghton Mifflin  
Reading © 2005



⊙ Independent Reading

Students are expected to read each night for at least 30 min. Reading Logs are due Thursdays.

∞ Novel and Author Studies

∞ Book Reports

⊙ Houghton Mifflin Reading-  
Writing Workshop © 2005

Focuses on the individual steps of the writing process as we incorporate the 6 Traits: Voice, Conventions, Ideas & Content, Organization, Word Choice, and Sentence Fluency.

Mountain Language for Daily Grammar review

Research/Report Writing

**SPELLING** — SpellingCity.com

⊙ Words Their Way &

⊙ Greek & Latin

∞ Contracts – No Contracts – Students are to study on their own after practice time is given in class. Test is 100% their grade for spelling and vocabulary meaning.

∞ Spelling test – Thursday

# =MATH

⊙ GO! Math

⊙ Mountain Math

⊙ MATH FACTS

# SCIENCE

⊙ Direct Inquiry-Based

Science Kits:

∞ Exploring Energy

∞ Ecosystems

∞ Investigations &  
Applications



# SOCIAL STUDIES

∞ Mapping & Geography

∞ American History:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Colonization,  
American Revolution,  
Westward Expansion & Civil  
War (1776-1900)

## Health

⊙ The Great Body Shop  
Curriculum taught by Ms. Hallinan

⊙ Human Growth & Development –  
Parents have the opportunity to preview  
these lessons prior to them being taught.

## Homework

∞ **Late Work:** Students are expected to turn in work on time. Grades are based upon completion. Rewards will be earned through consistent demonstration of proper responsibility. Late work will be penalized.

### Absences

If your student is absent please make arrangements to collect the work for the day(s). At this age, we are moving quickly and missing can cause stress for the student. **Students are responsible for all work missed during an absence.** Please refer to the ASD calendar when making vacation plans.

## Communication

Students will be expected to share their grades with parents online, weekly. A “Communicator” envelope will go home on Friday with graded assignments &/or school information. This will need to be signed and returned Monday. Parent signatures indicate that grades have been checked and work/items reviewed. It is also a great place for questions or comments. We believe communication is an important part in your child’s education.

Phone 742-5500 or (the best way to contact us) is email

[johnson\\_valerie@asdk12.org](mailto:johnson_valerie@asdk12.org)

## **Behavior**

Students that demonstrate self-control, positive behaviors, random acts of kindness, and get their work in on time are rewarded with positive comments, money in their checkbooks, independence, and periodic celebrations!

### **Students who CHOOSE to make poor decisions or have missing work:**

- ∞ Will get a warning. If the behavior continues, they will be sent to a buddy room with their work. If necessary the final step will be an office referral.

## **Expectations**

- ∞ **Each Friday Please check “COMMUNICATOR” & look on Zangle. Please take the opportunity to discuss any missing work or issues with your child. Student is to complete missing work & turn in by Monday.**

Student needs to keep Binder in Good Order and Use his or her Planner.

These tools are to help keep student organized. They will also earn \$ as a reward.

## **Specials:**

Mrs. Rand & Ms. Masterson- Library  
Mr. Leiser - P.E.  
Mrs. Bender - Music  
Mrs. Wilkinson - Art  
Mrs. Hallinan - Health

I am delighted to have this opportunity to work with you and your child! My expectations for your child in both the academic and social areas are high. I believe that it can only be achieved through a partnership between us, me the teacher, the parent(s) and the child. We each have a role towards the student's success. It is my intention to support your child to enable him/her to work to his/her fullest potential. It is your child's responsibility to come to school ready to learn, participate, and to be totally involved in his/her education. Please help me with open communication and participation. I will facilitate the best program possible to encourage success within your child. I look forward to a wonderful year!

*Mrs. Valerie Johnson,*

**Important Online Source:**

**[www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org)**

[Trailside Main Website Link](#)



**Trailside  
Elementary  
Open House  
2014-2015**

*Mrs. Johnson*

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

