

# Prescott 5th Grade Team

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# Panther Pride News

## Welcome to 5th Grade!

This is an exciting time of year! Who doesn't love that first scissor cut into a fresh piece of construction paper? Or that first dip into a fresh jar of Skippy? These next few weeks will be the writing on those first few pages of that brand-new 5th grade notebook.

The 5th grade team welcomes you to a new year at Prescott. We invite you to explore our 5th grade team website which will be up and running very soon. We also encourage you to read all handouts that come home with your student. Your student will be bringing home homework every day this year. It is important for your student to do the work himself or herself but we encourage you to look it over, read it with them, take an active role in their educational process.

We are looking forward to a fun year, filled with learning and growth. You have entrusted your student into our care and we assure you we will do our best everyday to help them feel safe, feel respected, grow academically and grow socially.

Our goal is not simply to get your student to pass 5th grade. Our goal is to give your student tools with which they can and will begin to build their future: Middle School, High School, College and the rest of life.

## Prescott 5th Grade Goals for Life...

Throughout the coming school year we will, of course, be focused on teaching academic skills however, we believe it is also essential for our students to be prepared for life outside the school building. We have three powerful Goals for Life which we will emphasize this year:

I can take care of myself, even if I am mad

I can be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to

I can be okay, even when others are not okay

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## Our Schedule



9:00-10:05	Math
10:05-10:35	Intervention
10:35-11:15	Whole Group Reading
11:15-11:35	Guided Reading
11:35-12:25	Specials
12:30-1:10	Recess/Lunch
1:10-1:40	Guided Reading
1:40-2:35	Unit Studies
2:35-2:45	2nd Recess
2:45-3:38	Writing/Literacy
3:38	Dismiss

*Thought for the Day: "Are you an egg, a carrot or a coffee bean?"*



## Wonders Reading Program Family Letter

### Dear Family Member:

The first two weeks of school are an exciting time for readers. Our class will learn how to read fiction stories and nonfiction articles carefully. We will learn about basic skills that we will use in our reading throughout the year.

#### During this time our class will focus on:

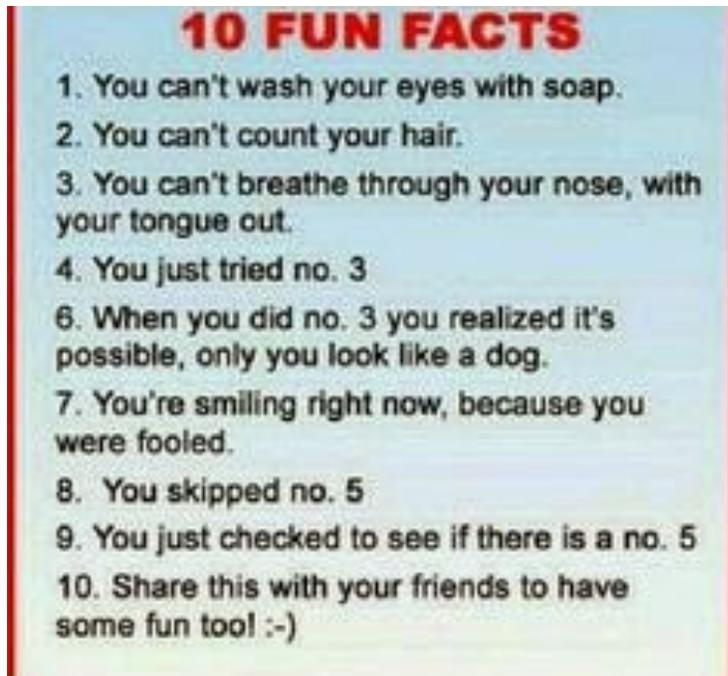
- Ways to talk about their reading with partners and the class.
- Strategies to help them pronounce long words.
- Strategies to figure out the meanings of hard words they read.
- How to find important details in fiction stories and nonfiction articles as they read.
- How to analyze what they read and write about it.

#### Here are two activities you can do to help your child get ready to read.

- Read together a fiction story. Discuss what happens in the story and who the characters are.
- Read together a nonfiction book or article. Ask your child what the story is about. Discuss what kinds of photos and images they see. What can they learn from these images?

This year your child will learn how to become a confident and fluent reader in the 21st Century. Your interest and enthusiasm will support your child's efforts.

*Here are some fun facts..... Just for fun....*



## Parent News:

Our first field trip is coming up quickly. On **Wednesday, September 2nd**, LPS 5th grade students will attend the **Lincoln Salt-dogs baseball game** in Haymarket Park.

The first pitch will be at 11:00 am. School staff will accompany their students to the game that is expected to end about 1:30 pm. LPS and charter busses will transport students from school to the game, then **return them to school prior to dismissal**.

Please be on the look out for an informational letter which will be coming home with every 5th grader in his or her Friday folder in the coming weeks.



Throughout the year there may be opportunities for parents and guardians to volunteer to help out in 5th grade classrooms and/or on field trips. If you would like to volunteer throughout the year please don't hesitate to give us a call or an email.

# Teacher Tidbits



## Meet Mr. Northhouse

Jonathan was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and graduated from Northeast High School. In 1995 he started to attend Wayne State College and eventually graduated with a degree in education. He started working for Lincoln Public School in 2000 at Belmont. Then he was hired to teach at Prescott and has been teaching there since 2001. His wonderful wife is also a teacher for Lincoln Public Schools. They have been blessed with a beautiful daughter and son who have added

a deep richness to their lives. He has a masters degree in Historical Studies from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He is currently working on a second masters degree in mathematics from University of Nebraska Lincoln.



## Meet Mr. Riley

I am Kale Riley and I am thrilled to be teaching 5th grade at Prescott this year! Here is just a little about me:

I have a wife, 5 kids, 3 cats, 2 tarantulas, and 1 dog. I collect Darth Vader and Owls. I love 70's and 80's rock music; especially Aerosmith. I also love Mountain Dew, Husker Football and the Green Bay Packers. I'm also a fan of the WWE...yes...yes...yes...I am.

I have taught 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade and adult education. I am now looking forward to a long career doing what I love most: Teaching 5th grade.

I have high expectations of my students. I ask them to think critically every day. I expect them to actively dialogue in class. Most importantly, I expect my students to give their best effort every day and never give up.



## Meet Mrs. Satterly

Hi! My name is Jenna Satterly and I am the 5th grade Resource teacher. This is my second year at Prescott School and I'm very excited to be back again this year. I graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with my Bachelors in Elementary Education and K-12 Special Education.

My husband and I grew up in Colorado before moving to Lincoln for college. We loved Lincoln so much we decided to stay! We are parents to a cat, Yoda, and a dog, Chewbacca.

I am a sports fanatic. My favorite teams are the Huskers (of course), Denver Broncos, New York Yankees, and Duke Blue Devils. I also love to read and bake.

I am excited for a new year and can't wait to get started. If you have any questions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to ask!



## Meet Mrs. Hughes

Hi! My name is Mrs. Hughes and I am so blessed and very excited to be a part of Prescott School and your child's education! This is my first year at Prescott. I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2012 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. I substituted for Lincoln Public Schools and Raymond Central Schools for 2 years, and taught 6th grade at Waverly Middle School last year.

My family and I live outside of Lincoln in the country. I have two children who keep me very busy with dance, volleyball, trapshooting, football, etc. I forgot to mention our other child, our dog, Moseby. In my spare time I love to spend time with my family, ride horses, play tennis, and collect antiques.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. I believe communication is very important in helping to support your child's learning.

Thank you for all that you do, and letting me be part of your child's educational journey!

## This Day in History: August 12th

- 1877** - Thomas Edison invents Edisonphone, a sound recording device
- 1908** - Henry Ford's company builds the first Model T car
- 1935** - Babe Ruth's final game at Fenway Park, 41,766 on hand
- 1953** - Ann Davison arrives in Miami in her 23 foot boat Felicity Ann, becoming the 1st woman to sail solo across the Atlantic
- 1965** - Elizabeth Lane becomes first female British supreme court justice
- 1972** - Last American combat ground troops leave Vietnam
- 1992** - Canada, Mexico, and the United States announce completion of negotiations for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- 1999** - Shakira records her first live album in New York City, titled "MTV Unplugged"
- 2014** - Ebola outbreak death toll exceeds 1000



*And the Winner is.....*

## For a Prize

It is always fun to give the parents a chance to get in on the excitement of school. In this section of the newsletter, we want to give you—the parents/guardians a chance to win a small prize. Complete the puzzle or answer the trivia question. Have your student submit your answer to Mr. Riley no later than one week after the newsletter goes home. Each month we will randomly draw one correct entry. The entrant will receive a small prize.

**This month's question is a Picture-Clue.**

**Identify the person in the photo.**



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*“Can you be productive and follow instructions even when you’re experiencing strong emotions?”*

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## BIST Bits...

Throughout the school year we will be sharing with you some of the principles and ideas behind the BIST program. BIST is not a discipline plan. It is a management strategy that is the foundation for our Goals for Life. Today’s BIST Bits focuses on the “Safe Seat.”

We are aware that in some places, the Safe Seat is used as discipline; a place to send a child who isn’t behaving as expected in order to punish him or her. **This is NOT the Prescott philosophy.**

The Safe Seat is a place where students can remain fully engaged in the classroom activities while also being removed from a situation where they are struggling to be “ok.” Moving to the Safe Seat is not a punishment and should not be treated as a negative or corrective action. If your son or daughter goes to the Safe Seat during class it is not because they were “in trouble.”

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you and answer any questions you have about BIST, the Safe Seat, our management practices or any other questions you may have.

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