2023-2024 Syllabus

Glenoaks Christian Elementary

5th/6th Grade split

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Fifth and Sixth grade split! This is going to be an exciting year filled with a lot of learning and growth, both spiritually and cognitively. I am delighted to be given this opportunity to build an educational milestone with your child. We are going to have a fantastic year working together and supporting your student's learning! Communication is essential, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



BIOGRAPHY

Here is some information about me. I have been married to my husband Jorge, for 27 years, and have three children. I have a daughter Desiree, who is 26, and graduated from Sacramento State. She has been married for 1 year. A daughter Brianna, who is 25, and graduated from the University of California Riverside. The baby of our family is George. He is 18, a Glenoaks alumni, and a freshman at Cal Poly Humboldt.

My interest in teaching began as a Sunday School teacher. I love how God directs our lives and it is clearly evident in retrospect. Upon graduating from University of California Los Angeles, my pastor asked me to open and run a preschool connected to our church. I gained valuable experience learning how to navigate state licensing and directing for five years. I came to Glenoaks Christian Elementary in 2010. I was a preschool teacher and quickly promoted to Assistant Director. After two years I was asked to join the elementary team as a Kindergarten teacher. I enjoyed teaching Kindergarten for three years before starting up our school's first Transitional Kindergarten class. I also gained experience as a long-term substitute for First grade. Most recently, I have taught a Third/Fourth split, Fourth/Fifth split and Fifth/Sixth split.

It is always my goal to continue education. I graduated with my Master's Degree from the University of Southern California in 2019. Yes, I am a Brojan (half Bruin, half Trojan). I received my Master of Arts in teaching, and California teaching credential. As I end this biography I am reminded of this scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you. Declares the Lord." I pray we have a blessed year growing in God's love together.

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION:

Each student will receive an email address

Parent, teacher, and student communication is extremely important. Throughout the year I will communicate through notes, emails, telephone calls, GradeLink, and parent-teacher conferences. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Your student's homework binder will be brought to school each day with their completed assignments. On Monday, I will send home our weekly assignment schedule. This will give students an assignment guide for the week.

5TH & 6TH GRADE CURRICULUM:

(California State Standards: <u>www.cde.ca.gov</u>) (Common Core Standards: <u>www.corestandards.org</u>) The 5th/6th Grade Scope and Sequence is available on our class website.

BIBLE:

As a Christian school, we believe in the importance of setting aside time each week to worship the Lord. Our students attend Chapel every Wednesday. Together we worship God, sing praises, learn about the Bible, enjoy fun skits, and much more. Through Chapel, our students will be able to grow in their faith and become Christ-like learners. On Wednesdays, students will wear the Glenoaks' white polo shirt and navy sweater vest. Students will be tested on thematic questions at the end of each week and memory verses at the completion of the month.

GRADING RUBRIC:

Students will be graded based on performance. Grading is available on GradeLink.com. It is the responsibility of parents to constantly monitor their child's grades. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further concerns or questions.

Percentage	Grade	<u>Grade Point Average GPA</u>
93 and above	A	4.0
90-92.9	A-	3.7
87-89.9	B+	3.3
83-86.9	В	3.0
80-82.9	В-	2.7
77-79.9	C+	2.3
73-76.9	C	2.0
70-72.9	C-	1.7
67-69.9	D+	1.3
63-66.9	D	1.0
60-62.9	D-	0.7
59.9 and below	F	0.0

Excellent (+) Good (\checkmark +) Satisfactory (\checkmark) Needs improvement (\checkmark -) Unsatisfactory (-)

*Report Cards are available at the end of each semester. Students who receive a grade of unsatisfactory, or - in behavior will be exempt from receiving any awards.

CLASSROOM RULES AND MANAGEMENT:

Our classroom is a place where students will be free to express themselves and learn in a safe environment. As a way to manage and encourage students to be good citizens, I send a weekly progress report home on Monday. This is another form of communication to let you know about your student's behavior, work habits, and test scores. It must be signed and returned with assessments on the following Tuesday.

ABSENCE:

If a student is absent from school, parents must pick up missing assignments. It is essential for students to complete missed work in order to prevent falling behind. If a student should go on a planned extended leave of absence (more than 3 days), parents must notify the school and fill out an extended leave form.



BIRTHDAYS:

Birthdays are special occasions! If your child wishes, he/she may provide food for the class during lunch. You must first contact Mr. Jackson one week in advance. This will give him the opportunity to prepare and make necessary hot lunch order modifications.

LOCKERS:

Students in 5th/6th Grade will get the opportunity to use lockers! Students may ONLY use a combination lock to store belongings. All combinations will be shared with the teacher and office.

UNIFORM SCHEDULE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Regular Uniform	PE Uniform	Chapel Uniform	PE Uniform	Regular Uniform		
Navy Blue Polo & Khaki Bottoms	Gray PE Shirt & Navy Blue Mesh Shorts or Sweatpants	White Polo Shirt, Navy Blue Vest & Khaki Bottoms	Gray PE Shirt & Navy Blue Mesh Shorts or Sweatpants	Navy Blue Polo & Khaki Bottoms OR Free Dress with a Pass (\$2 in the office)		

MIDDLE SCHOOL						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Regular Uniform	PE Uniform	Chapel Uniform	PE Uniform	Regular Uniform		
Black Polo & Khaki Bottoms	Gray PE Shirt & Black Workout Shorts or Sweatpants	White Polo Shirt, Gray Vest & Khaki Bottoms	Gray PE Shirt & Black Workout Shorts or Sweatpants	Black Polo & Khaki Bottoms OR Free Dress with a Pass (\$2 in the office)		

DRESS CODE

- ightarrow Shoes must be all black. Athletic shoes are required on PE days.
- \rightarrow Socks must be white, black, or gray. No stripes or decorations allowed.
- \rightarrow All uniforms and outerwear must have the Glenoaks logo, except for the khaki bottoms, and MS PE shorts.
- \rightarrow No nail polish, tattoos, make up, or extreme hair dye/style allowed.
- \rightarrow Students can wear Free Dress on Fridays with a pass or on their birthday without a pass. Passes can be purchased for \$2.00 in the office.

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