

Welcome to 5th grade at NMC!

As the first days of school quickly approach, I want to let you know what to expect for the 2024-2025 school year!

I am excited to welcome you back as 5th graders! You will have a new vibe as there are several important changes from what you are used to...

- 1) The classroom has undergone some changes since you last saw it. I am excited for you to take a look!
- 2) We have new books! And more resources with our language arts curriculum. This is something that I have been looking at this summer.
- 3) The schedule will be similar to last year in some ways, but different in other ways. I will teach Language Arts, Bible, and Science. Mr. Quales will teach Math and Social Studies.
- 4) Band! One of the special things about the 5th grade year is starting band. More details to come.

Summer stories

Who knows what adventures you've had this summer? You do! I am excited to hear about the different things that you had the chance to do this summer.

My summer included visits to the beach, meeting with family, a Pit Spitters game, and many other short trips. It has been fun to go to new places that I have heard about since we moved here.

My deep hope... is that we will develop eyes of faith to see clearly on our path in God's Kingdom. This comes in Hebrews 11:1 where we see what faith is. Sometimes we have moments where we step out of our comfort zone, and those moments will only increase as we get older. As we hold onto God's word in unfamiliar territory, we are walking by faith. May we grow in faith and faithfulness as we take steps in living the life God has prepared for us.

Mr. VanDerLaan