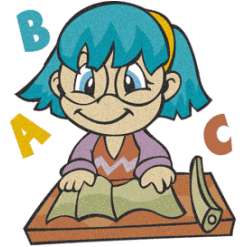


## Hello Parents of 5th Graders in 5Z!

**It was so nice to meet you all at goal-setting conferences!!  
Soon you will be able to sign up for our Fall conferences!**

I will try to keep my Web page updated with the latest classroom news and upcoming events (be watching for the dates for Fall Star reading and math tests coming soon). There are also links to many helpful Web pages and resources, our daily schedule, the Featured Face schedule, Lunch and Breakfast menus, and Scholastic Book Clubs ordering. You can find my Web page at [teamzahara@weebly.com](mailto:teamzahara@weebly.com) or you can link to it from Oak Hill's home page, "Academics" tab, and drop down to "Teacher Pages". Please also feel free to continue to contact me via the SeeSaw app.



In the first few weeks of school, we have been getting to know each other in our new fifth grade community. We have also been reviewing school rules and procedures. Each morning we will begin our day with a "Morning Meeting" after signing in for breakfast and lunch, and checking student planners. This is a great opportunity to build community with each other and to discuss issues and concerns that may arise.



Fifth grade students should be reading at least 20 minutes per day, 5 days a week outside of school. School, home, or classroom library books can be read as well as online articles and books from programs such as EPIC!, Read Theory, and ReadWorks. Research has shown that students who read well perform better in other subject areas as well. One of my favorite quotes states: "Reading does for the mind what exercise does for the body."

You may have noticed a bulletin board in our classroom that read, "Featured Faces". This is the space reserved for the special student of the week. This project will allow each student to showcase him/herself and his/her family, favorite hobbies, activities, etcetera. A piece of poster board will be sent home the week before your child's special week. Your child should fill this in a way that tells about her/him. This may include photos, magazine cut-outs, or whatever other items you wish. Click [here](#) for a list of dates so you know when it will be your child's week.

I look forward to partnering with you this year in the education of your child! Thank you for sharing your child with me! We're going to have an AWESOME year!!

Sincerely,

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