

Dear 5th Grade Parents and Students,

We are excited to have your student in the 5th grade music class this year and we would like you to know that we have a busy year planned!! The purpose of this letter is to let you know what is expected of your student and how they will be evaluated.

Your student will receive a daily participation grade that is based on behavior and participation during class. If your student has an excused absence, then that day's participation grade will not count against him or her. Your student is expected to abide by Teague Lion Band Rules as well as the Teague ISD Student Code of Conduct. Poor behavior will result in a poor conduct grade on the students permanent record.

Disciplinary consequences:

<u>1st display of a discipline problem-</u>	child will be called out
<u>2nd display of a discipline problem-</u>	seating arrangement will be changed
<u>3rd display of a discipline problem-</u>	child will be separated from the class and the guardians will be notified. This will happen up to 3 times.
<u>4th display of a discipline problem-</u>	behavioral contract will be made and signed by Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Martin, the student, and the guardians
<u>5th display of a discipline problem-</u>	Phone Call notification of the parent by the student, Mrs. Martin, and Mr. Fisher
<u>6th display of a discipline problem-</u>	Escort to the principal's office

If *serious discipline problems* worsen past this degree, then school officials will determine other strategies and consequences. *Serious disciplinary problems* include those that permanently interrupt the classroom atmosphere of learning or cause a safety hazard to others in the classroom.

Classwork:

In addition to a daily participation grade your child will also have at least one assignment to complete in class during the week that will count once. At the end of each six weeks there will be a project or written test that will count twice. Again if your child has to complete a disciplinary writing assignment, then that assignment will also count as a test grade. Extra credit is offered to students who show a willingness to change their behavior and attitude in a constructive manner. The Teague Intermediate Principal will be notified of all disciplinary actions that take place so that any further consequence will occur that might need to occur.

All daily participation grades will count once, all weekly assignment grades will count once, and all test grades/disciplinary writing assignments will count twice. Failure to complete any of the assignments will result in zero credit given.

Music Memory:

Through a testing process six students from the entire 5th grade will be selected to participate in the 2009-2010 UIL Music Memory competition. This is a competition that will take place during the day away from Teague. To be selected for this competition the student must correctly identify 16 classical musical selections as well as correctly spell them. All students will have the opportunity to try out in this selection process and will be taught what they need to know and be able to do.

5th Grade Programs:

October Family Night-

The family night event that occurs in the middle of October will be a required after school performance for the 5th grade. A notice will be mailed out to all of the 5th grade at least two weeks prior to the event to let everyone know about it and what the students will need to bring and wear. This date is to be announced.

Holiday Sing Along-

The last couple days of the fall semester prior to the holiday vacation there will be a Holiday Sing Along at Teague Intermediate where the entire 5th grade will sing a few holiday tunes. The 4th Grade will also perform on their own at this event as well. A notice will be mailed out to all of the 5th grade at least two weeks prior to the event to let everyone know about it and what the students will need to bring and wear. This date is to be announced.

Spring Program-

In May of the Spring semester the 5th grade will participate in a Spring Program during school in conjunction with the 6th Grade. It will be a recorder and rhythm instrument concert after that 6th Grade performs their program for Teague Intermediate. A notice will be mailed out to all of the 5th grade at least two weeks prior to the event to let everyone know about it and what the students will need to bring and wear. This date is to be announced.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Martin or call the band hall. We are glad to answer any and all questions you might have. Please detach the bottom of the page, sign and return with your student as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Vicky Little

Cari Martin

Weston Fisher

(please detach, sign, and return through your student by Friday, August 29, 2008)

I have read and understand what is expected of my child and how he or she will be evaluated.

Student Signature

Parent Signature