

# WELCOME TO FIFTH GRADE MATH!

## WITH Ms. Purcell

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### Who is Ms. Purcell?

This is my fifth year teaching at Minersville, and my second year teaching fifth grade math. I graduated high school from Minersville and college from Lebanon Valley. I am a huge sports fan, love to run, am a mom of 2 boys, Hunter & Brody, and have a crazy dog named Penny!

### What will we learn in 5<sup>th</sup> grade math class?

Students will learn many things this school year, but some of the main topics we will cover include: place value, addition/subtraction of fractions, multiplication/division of fractions, addition and multiplication of volume and area, and graphing points on coordinate planes to solve problems.

### Grading

I will use a variety of grades during each marking period. Each unit of assessment will be based on total points, varying from one assessment to the next. You can access your child's grades on MMS, which will be updated in a timely manner.

#### Assessments:

- **Homework completion:** Students will receive 2 points for each completed homework assignment.
- **Quizzes:** Will be used to prepare students for the Topic Tests. Points will vary.
- **Topic Tests:** Topic tests will cover information that was learned in each topic. We will have anywhere from 2-3 Topic Tests per marking period. Points will vary but will be worth more than the quizzes.
- **Classwork:** May be used periodically at my discretion throughout the marking period. Points will vary.
- **Projects:** We will have math projects throughout this school year that will be completed mostly in class. Points will vary.

### Homework Policy

Students are required to complete all homework assignments. As stated above, they will be graded for homework completion. If a student does not understand an assignment, they will still be expected to TRY it. I will answer any questions or concerns the following day in class. Any assignment that is not complete will receive a 0 for that day.

### Website

I have a class website that is updated daily. Students or parents can check the site on a nightly basis for homework assignments, upcoming project due dates, or class announcements. You can access the website through the Battlin' Miner home page at [www.battlinminers.com](http://www.battlinminers.com)

### Contacting the Teacher

I strongly believe in open communication between teachers and parents. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, feel free to contact me using one of these methods:

- **Email:** [jessicapurcell@battlinminers.com](mailto:jessicapurcell@battlinminers.com) (I check my email everyday)
- **Class Dojo** (Also gets checked daily)
- **Phone:** 570-544-1400 ext. 3303 (Best time to call during the day is between 1:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

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**Parents/Guardians, please fill out the slip below, cut out, and return to school with your child. Thank you!!**

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\_\_\_\_\_ I have read over these class guidelines.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_