



Hello Students and Parents,

Woo-Hoo! I am so ready to come back into the classroom!! We are going to have an awesome class this fall! Things will be different this year but we will make the best of it. Get ready for the BEST YEAR OF YOUR LIFE!!! ☺

Let me introduce myself. My name is LeAnne Jones. I have lived in Cedar City all of my life and I love it here. I have a cute husband and 3 pretty terrific kids. I enjoy the outdoors and love to hike, camp, bike, run, and play softball. I also like to get my hands dirty in my garden. I LOVE teaching and I love Fiddler's Elementary! My own kids all went to school at Fiddler's. I hold an ESL Endorsement (English as a Second Language, a Reading Endorsement, and a STEM Endorsement (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.)

In 5th grade we have the BEST science curriculum (my favorite). This will include Matter, Ecosystems, Photosynthesis, Food Chains & How Matter Cycles Throughout Living Things, and The Earth's Surface. Along with our math, reading, and writing, we also study US History. Students will have the option of earning the prestigious "Patriot Award" in 5th grade. I will send home more information on this later. We also present a "We the People" US History program at the end of the school year.

I try to integrate hands-on as much as I can when I teach. I know I learn better when I can actually DO, not just sit and listen to a lecture.

I don't believe in a lot of homework in elementary school. That being said, 5th grade students are expected to read a MINIMUM of 120 minutes per week at home. I don't care if they read 20 minutes per night for 6 nights, or read for 2 hours one night in the week; I know we are all busy, just sneak it in every chance you get. In the 5th grade, we are no longer learning to read, but reading to learn.

## READING AT HOME IS CRITICAL!!

We try to carve out 30-40 minutes after the math lesson to work on math homework in class, where I am there to help them. Most of the time, if students use their time wisely, they should finish in class and not have to take it home.

We will have a few do-at-home projects such as a report and a shoebox float on an assigned State, 3-D landform model, etc. More details to come but I will give you plenty of notice, at least 4 weeks, as these are assigned.

I maintain a class website in which I post photos (with your permission) of our class projects and field trips. I have also included some useful links for math, science, reading, and Patriot Award help. Check it out to see some of the fun things we will be doing in 5th grade!

The address is: [www.thejoneszone5thgrade.weebly.com](http://www.thejoneszone5thgrade.weebly.com) .

### Here are a few reminders:

- Our Fiddler's Elementary Back-to-School night will be held online as a 20-minute ZOOM Meeting on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:40-7:00. The link is:

Topic: Mrs. Jones 5th Grade Back to School Night

Time: Aug 5, 2020 06:40 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92588754372?pwd=dEhiamZ3UU1sVVZpMjJOaEVIUzdNUT09>

Meeting ID: 925 8875 4372

Passcode: Ab6my1

If you send me an email at [leanne.jones@ironmail.org](mailto:leanne.jones@ironmail.org), I can email you the link so you don't have to type it in ☺

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. I will send your back to school paperwork home then.

The School District will furnish 2 masks for each student. Students are expected to wear them. You are welcome to bring your own mask as well.

ICSD will be releasing their back to school plan on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Until then, you have as much information about what school will look like as I do. I am sure that the plan will change more than once as time goes by and conditions change. Certainly, this will be an unusual year, but I am just so happy to be coming back into the classroom!

We will not be allowed to share classroom supplies this year, so you will need to bring your own. A pencil pouch would be useful to keep your supplies in. These include:

- Box of 24 crayons
- Pencils and erasers (please, no pens)
- 2 Composition notebooks (not spiral) these will be used for our science and writing journals
- 1 or 2 inch binder (please, no larger) with 25 page protectors for your data binder
- dry erase markers
- glue sticks (*we will use these a lot*)
- White "Elmer's" Glue
- Scissors
- Highlighter
- Colored Pencils
- One red pen

Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. I am so excited to meet my new class! I will see you in a couple of weeks.

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