



Academy Charter  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter



### Dates for Your Calendar

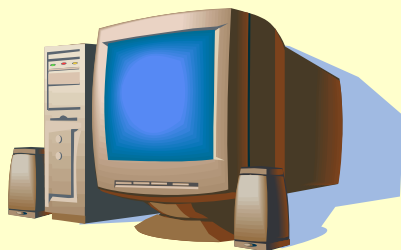
- August 27 – Dress of Choice Day
- August 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ACS Fun Run, 8:00
- August 30 – Elementary Testing Day  
8:25 – 11:00 for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- September 6 – No School – Labor Day

### Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your summer! Week One is now in the history books! We are so excited to see all of the smiling faces in class. We are eager to start the new year and get to know our students! Each month we will send our grade – level newsletter via email and it will also be available on your child’s teacher’s website as well!

### New Faces to Welcome 😊

Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Bigbey would like to welcome Mr. Marshall to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team! We are excited that he has joined us and look forward to a great year with him. Also, we want to welcome back Mrs. Persichina in her new role as Assistant Dean. Finally, we have many new students and want to tell you we are glad that you are here at ACS. There are many new students in the hallways, so remember to smile and say hello!



Remember to check the website and email for communication from us!

### We're on the Web!

Please check out our teacher pages from ACS’ homepage at [www.academycharter.org](http://www.academycharter.org). Find links to stay up to date on homework or due dates on the homework page, find project guidelines and other website links on our resources page, and view our wish list of items that would be nice for our classroom.

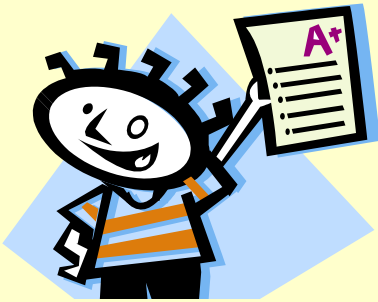
### Reading Testing Day

Reading Testing Day is Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students need to be in their classroom by 8:25 and testing will start promptly at 8:30. Students need to bring a snack and a silent reading book to read if they happen to finish early. Drop off time in the morning will be at the normal time and following normal procedures.

Students will remain in the classroom until 11:00 at which time the teachers will walk the students up to the front of the school. At 11:00, students need to be picked up, following regular carpool procedures. Students need to be picked up by 11:15. If your child is going to Academy Kids, please make sure he or she knows this.

## Back-to-School Night

Thank you to the parents who were able to come to Back-to-School Night on Tuesday. We presented a Power Point with information about the school and our classroom. Our plan is to email this so you will have access to it and can refer to it as needed. Please watch for it soon.



## Contact us

If you need to contact us or have any questions, feel free to send us an email or call and leave a message.

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## Fish Philosophy

1. Be Present
2. Choose Your Attitude
3. Make Their Day
4. Play

We will be watching for students who are displaying these four parts of the new Fish Philosophy. We look forward to seeing the great character on display.



## In the Classroom...

We started math and are establishing the routine and procedures. We took our Baseline Test and have started our lessons. This year we have two different math class times and we are also switching classes for math. We have already started this. Please ask your child who their math teacher is and if you have math concerns, address it with their math teacher. We are using the Saxon curriculum again this year and if you'd like more information on the curriculum, please check out their website at [http://saxonpublishers.hmhco.com/en/sxm\\_home.htm](http://saxonpublishers.hmhco.com/en/sxm_home.htm). You should expect your child to have math homework each night that we have a lesson. After five lessons, there is a cumulative test. They might not have homework on test days. Students are also expected to do each of the 30 problems for homework. The lessons spiral, so it is important that they receive practice with all of these lessons.

We will also begin the Language Arts Curriculum, Treasures, and are studying spelling, grammar, and reading strategies. They are focusing on short vowel sounds, long vowels, and next month will be words with /u/, /ar/, /er/, /or/, /ur/ and /ir/. In grammar we're focusing on sentences, the types of sentences, subjects and predicates, sentence combining, and complex sentences. In Reading we're working on skills of plot, setting, character, synonyms, comparing and contrasting, cause and effect, homographs, context clues, summarize, rhyme, and charts. We have been doing various writing activities around summer and activities to get to know each other.

We've started our Geography unit as well for Social Studies. We are studying features of the United States, geography terms, and types of maps.