**Top Ten things to know about grades 4/5**

1. Following the Montessori Philosophy, respect continues to be the major focus of the classroom. This includes respect of self, others, and the environment.
2. Class begins promptly at 8am with attendance. This is the time the children get prepared for their busy academic day.
3. TVM is a cursive first school, and all written assignments need to be attempted in cursive or typed.
4. There are homework assignments in Language/Reading, Math and Science through Study Island each week. They must complete at least 10 questions in each subject. They will be scored on how they do. Study Island work is due every Saturday. Students are expected to read for 20 minutes each night at their reading level and fill out their reading log weekly. The students will also have a weekly spelling/vocabulary test every Friday and will be required to study these words at home.
5. Office hours are by invitation only with a maximum of 8 students. We will resend invitations each semester assessing each child’s needs. Office Hours will be on Wednesday’s 4th grade with Ms. Cathy and 5th grade with Ms. Hess. There will also be office hours on Thursday’s with Ms. Kristy.
6. Each family is required to volunteer for 15 hours per school year to maintain eligible for reenrollment at TVM. Please look for volunteer opportunities posted in the classroom bulletin boards. Students also have community service requirements 4th grade – 20 hours, 5th grade 25 hours that are separate from the volunteer hours.
7. We strive to keep communication open. Please feel free to email and/or call by phone. All emails and/or phone calls will be responded to within a 24 hour period. We will not be able to respond during the school day.
8. Please refer to the family handbook for appropriate dress attire requirements. It is also required for students to dress out for PE and wear polo shirts for any Field Trip.
9. Our goal is for our children to be proactive and independent thinkers. Please give the respect to your child and allow them to empty their own backpacks and get settled in their class with no assistance.
10. We appreciate the families that have donated to our classrooms. The monies are greatly needed, and we will utilize the money for the best interest of your child. We are working on raising $1000 each to send us to the Montessori Conference in San Diego this spring. We are also raising money for laptops and new Montessori Materials.