

SYLLABUS 2018-2019

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE AT COLEGIO MAYA!

We look forward to many new challenges and learning opportunities in the months ahead. The purpose of this syllabus is to help answer commonly asked questions and take a brief glance at the areas we will be studying this school year.

Things to know:

- This year students will take the IOWA Test of Basic Skills in the areas of Reading, Math and Language.
- Every Friday a folder with the week's evaluations will be sent home. Please sign and return the folder on Monday.
- Reading log folder should be signed from Monday through Thursday. Students have to read daily, it is graded. 5 points will be deducted from their grade each time they don't read.
- Spelling homework will be assigned every Monday.
- All unfinished classwork should be taken as home work.

Evaluation

- Students will be evaluated throughout the school year in various ways. There will be diagnostic, formative and summative evaluations. These include: formal tests, quizzes, projects, oral presentations, research papers, surveys, amongst others.
- The percentages for grading are: Tests and Quizzes 60% & Classwork 40%.
- Math and Spelling tests will take place every Friday.
- Science, Language, Social Studies and Reading tests will be announced ahead of time, because it depends on the length of the chapters being studied.

Daily Routine:

- Place folders on the designated area (Reading Log, Weekly Folder)
- Follow the agenda that is written on the board to get ready for each class.
- Keep work space and locker clean and in order throughout the day.

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Subjects/Skills:

Computer Science

Students will continue to build skills in keyboarding, spreadsheet, presentations and word processing. Computer lab time is also used to conduct research (EBSCO) for class and projects. Issues of plagiarism and fair use of technology are widely discussed in class. Lab time is also used to complement science classes.

Math

Students will be able to apply the four basic operations using whole numbers, fractions and decimals. They will also be introduced into Algebraic Thinking and Integers. Mental math skills will be practiced throughout the year.

Social Studies

Students will have the opportunity to visit, explore, describe, and compare numerous famous landmarks in Eastern Europe. Students will be travelling around the world without ever leaving the classroom.

Science

Students will be able to learn about Life, Physical and Earth Science as well as the Human Body. STEM activities will be conducted regularly. Students will follow the scientific method through projects and labs throughout the year, this allows them to practice observation, prediction, analysis, research and critical thinking skills.

Spelling

Students will be able to spell and use words correctly in their everyday writing.
Students will make connections between the spelling words and how they are used in context.

Language

Students will learn composition skills needed for effective and oral communication in English. Students will develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. Students will demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

Reading

Students will be able to enjoy reading stories from their textbooks and novels. The four novels they will be reading throughout the year are: "Sarah Plain and Tall" "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", "Island of the Blue Dolphins" and "Zia". The students will describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details. They will retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message.

Art

Conocimiento de términos artístico, figura y fondo. Formación de figuras geométricas. Arte abstracto y realista. Artistas Salvadoreños.

Music

Temas que se estudiarán durante el año escolar:

- la expresión musical
- el himno nacional, compositores y música salvadoreña
- técnica para cantar y textura de la voz
- figuras rítmicas, corchea con puntillo
- los villancicos
- la flauta, batería, guitarra, piano(interpretemos canciones

LIFE AHEAD

Personal growth is assured through the philosophical foundations of the school's Life Ahead Methodology. Life Ahead Methodology promotes autonomy, organization, responsibility, and social skills. Its major goal is to produce self-reliant individuals who will assume an ever greater responsibility for their own learning.