

Responsive Classroom

We will be taking time in class at the beginning of our day to do a daily morning meeting. Students will have the opportunity to get to know each other and build a working relationship. Other areas that will be emphasized will be logical consequences, classroom code of conduct, apology of action and creating a safe learning environment for all learners.



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**Let's
have a
great
year
together!**



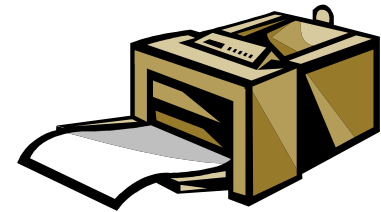
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**A Special
Welcome to
5th Graders**



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A Little Introduction

My name is Rick Bell. This is my ninth year as a teacher, my eighth at New Prague Area Schools. I have been out of the classroom for the last three years working in Technology Integration. This will be my fifth year teaching 5th grade and I truly enjoy working with these young people. I attended the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, for my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and received my Master's in Education degree through Saint Mary's University.



My wife Heidi, son Aidan (2 1/2) and daughter Sophia (6 weeks) reside in New Prague, where I attended NPHS ('95). I am very proud to be teaching in the community where I grew up.

Spelling



I plan to send home spelling words on Friday, have spelling pre-tests on Monday, and final tests on Thursday. Students can test out of the final test by getting 90% or better on the pre-test.

Homework

5th grade students can expect to have homework 2-3 days a week. Time will usually be given to students during class time, but not always enough to finish.



Subjects

I am very excited about the exploration of the 5th grade math series. Here are a couple of things you can expect from me. I will be teaching math to students along with Mrs. Prchal, Mrs. Laine and Mrs. Proshek will be teaching reading. More information will be coming about this and the flex grouping we will be doing.

Planners

I will be signing planners most days, I would love it if you would do the same, I know that things come up, so I will not penalize them for lack of signatures, but it is a great way for you to communicate with me any concerns or questions, and myself likewise. I will randomly reward students for having their planner signed.



Technology Integration

Our students learn differently than we did in school. I am big proponent of integrating many different kinds of technology in our classroom. I will be trying ways to motivate, engage and challenge learners.

