

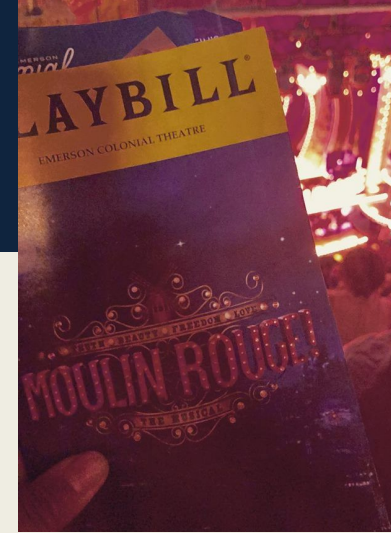
Welcome to 5th Grade!
¡Bienvenidos a 5to grado!
Claremont Immersion Elementary

Our Fifth Grade Teams

- Laura Mufson, M.Ed.
- Chelsea Marcelin, M.T., Daviel Cruz, Math Leadership.
- Wanda Garcia M.Ed., Anna Engelbrecht, B.A. Education
- Aracely Vance, M. Ed.
- Carlos Buzzi B.S Physics

Ms. Marcelin

- B.A. Psychology and M.T. in Elementary Education, University of Virginia
- Teaching Experience: grades K-6 Charlottesville & Albemarle county
- Interests include: musical theater, dancing, football (Go Pats!), hockey, reading, going to the beach
- 4th year at Claremont

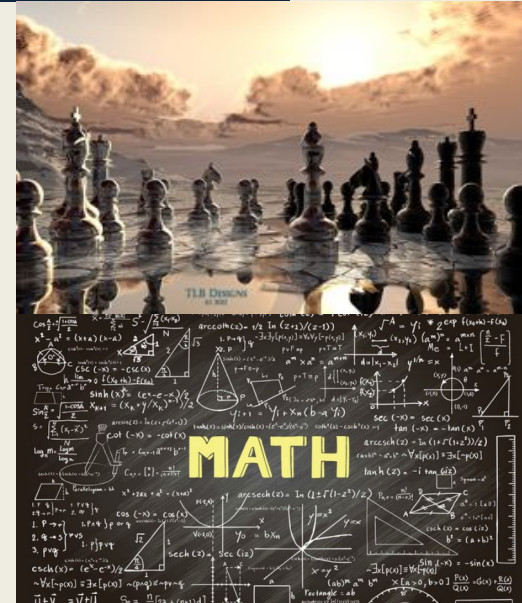


This summer!



Sr. Cruz

- **Matemáticas y Artes del lenguaje**
- B.A. University of Puerto Rico , Rio Piedras Campus
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- M.A. Math Leadership, George Mason University
- Teaching experiences: Mathematics for 17 years from College to now Elementary level.
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- First year at Claremont
- Interests in reading, math, triathlons, MMA, cooking,traveling..



Anna Engelbrecht

- BA in Education (K-12 Spanish)
- 8th year teaching
- Second year at Claremont
- Teaching experience: Johnston County, NC, Spotsylvania County, VA, and Honolulu, HI



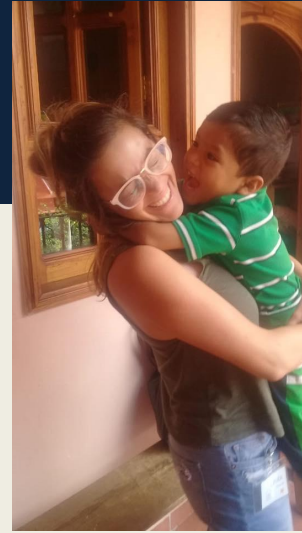
Wanda I. Garcia

- BA in Education University of Puerto Rico
- MA in Curriculum and learning Caribbean University.
- 17th year teaching
- First year at Claremont
- Teaching experience: Department of Education P.R. K-12 and Maryland.

Ms. Mufson

- **Maestra Bilingue: Laura Mufson, M.Ed**

- BA Spanish, Mt. Holyoke College
- M. Ed, George Washington University
- NVWP Teacher Consultant
- Teaching experiences: Ecuador, Spain, Washington, DC
- 6th year at Claremont
- Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia
- Love travel!
- Bilingual!



Sra. Vance

Lead Science Teacher, Sustainability Liaison

- B.A. Math and Science Middle Grades Education
- M.Ed. STEAM Curriculum and Instruction
- Nine years of teaching experience in PK-12, focusing on math and science
- AmeriCorps Alumni
- 4th year at Claremont
- Interest include traveling, playing soccer, reading, and eating!



Sr. Buzzi

- B.S. Physics from University of Havana, Cuba
- B. S. Physics Validation from University of Central Florida
- M. Ed Spanish Culture, Salamanca University, Spain
- Eighteen years of teaching experience all levels.
- 11st year at Claremont.
- Interest include traveling, playing tennis,



What Do We Learn in 5th Grade?

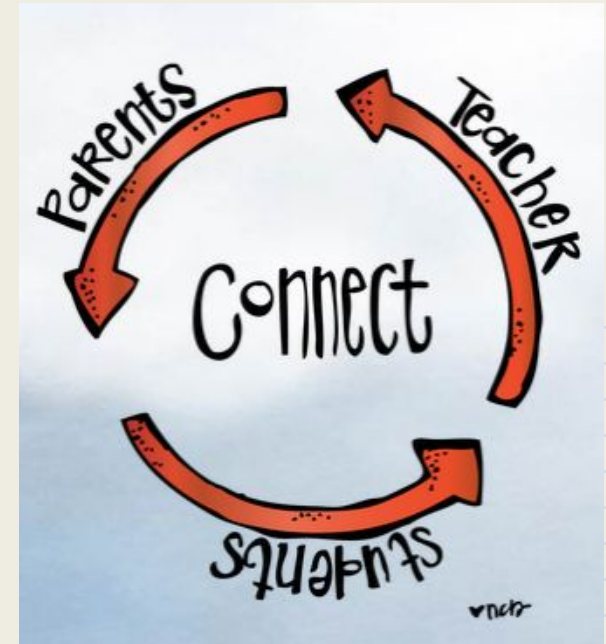
- **Language Arts:** Continued focus on bilingual literacy skills & creating strong, confident writers and readers in both languages
 - Reader's and Writer's Workshop
 - Word Study and Vocabulary
- **Social Studies:** Ancient Cultures and Civilizations
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- **Math:** Emphasis on number sense with whole numbers, fractions and decimals.
 - these skills assist in the development of algebraic concepts presented in middle school
- **Science:** Continued focus on the scientific method with an emphasis on dependent and independent variables.
 - Incorporated through the units of matter, sound, light, Earth's surface, rock cycle, oceanography, living things, and cells.
 - A review of 4th grade standards: Force, Motion, Energy, Earth/Space Systems and Cycles

Parent Communication



We will be emailing parents bi-weekly with information about

- What we are learning
- Homework
- Tests
- Important Dates/Field Trips
- Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences in October!



Homework & Projects



- Independent Reading Projects in English and Spanish 4 times in the year
- Math homework weekly
- Word Study homework weekly
- Science homework weekly
- If students don't finish classwork, it will be assigned for homework to complete

-Make sure your child has a quiet place at home where they can work on their homework!

Homework should not take total, more than 1 hour a night for all subjects + 30 minutes of reading in either Spanish or English

- If your child is struggling consistently with homework, please contact your teacher
- We practice time management and assignment management in 5th grade to prepare for middle school

****Agendas will come in a few weeks**

Grades

Your child's grade is a reflection of their performance in class, tests, exit tickets, projects.

A - Exceeds expectations

B - On grade level and almost exceeds expectations

C - Almost On grade level

D - Below grade level

*This is the grading policy for Arlington Public Schools.



If your child is concerned with their grades in class, your teacher will work together with you and your child to make a plan to help them!



Field Trips & Parent Volunteers



- Outdoor Lab in April.
- We will have a parent information session as the trip gets closer
- At the end of the year, there will be an end of year field trip!
 - It is guided by parent volunteers to celebrate completing fifth grade. Money is **raised for this trip by parent volunteers throughout the year. We appreciate your support!**
 - We will need parent volunteers to take the lead on this

5th Grade Assessments

- Powerschool is a quarterly benchmark assessment that allows us to track student progress.
- SMI - Math Assessment
- STAMP - Spanish Language Arts assessment
- SOL in Reading, Math and Science -- May



Aviso de Seguridad



Llegada - Los estudiantes puedan entrar a las 7:35 de la mañana.

Salida - Avisar la oficina antes de las 2:00 pm de haber algún cambio en la salida de su niño.

Recuerden:

- Todos los visitantes tienen que firmar en la oficina principal.
- No pueden estacionarse donde está la curva pintada amarillo.

Technology for Learning



We use technology for learning.

Our students learn Digital Citizenship skills Kindergarten - Fifth grade. More information is at www.common sense media.org.

Our students do not use iPads during indoor or outdoor recess, lunch, as a break or a reward.

Tecnología para nuestro aprendizaje



Usamos la tecnología digital para nuestro aprendizaje.

Nuestros estudiantes aprendan las destrezas de Ciudadano Digital desde Kindergarten hasta quinto grado. Hay más información en el enlace:

www.commonsemedia.org.

Los estudiantes no usan los “iPads” durante recreo adentro o afuera, y tampoco durante el almuerzo, ni como recompensa o premio.

Other Things!

- Thursday folders are really important!
- Make sure your emergency contact information is up to date and that your email address is on **ParentVue**
- **If you do not have a local phone number, please provide an alternative mode of communication**
- **Activity Fee**: for field trips and major grade-wide project materials. \$30 this year

Science Contact Information

Sr. Buzzi

- Science teacher for the following homerooms:
 - Sr. Cruz
 - Ms. Marcelin

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Sra. Vance

- Science teacher for the following homerooms:
 - Ms. Engelbrecht
 - Ms. Mufson
 - Sra. Garcia

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Contacting Us

Email is the preferred method to reach us. Please know we cannot check email during the day as we are teaching, but we will respond within 48 hours. Follow us on twitter!

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