



Mrs. Savage- 5th Grade ELA Teacher

Hello Fifth Grader! My name is Mrs. Savage and I want to welcome you to 5th grade! This year is going to be an unforgettable, momentous, and exciting school year! I am ecstatic to help you push yourself to achieve greatness in the classroom and build pride in your heart. In my class, we will work to be the best version of ourselves and take our mistakes and turn them into a learning experience. We will build a community among our peers, treat others and ourselves with respect, and spread kindness. I am not only your ELA teacher. I am also a wife, a mom, and a daughter! I was born and raised in the rural town of Quincy, Illinois. I graduated from Millikin University in 2006 and moved to Florida in 2007. For 16 years, I have had the pleasure of being a teacher and I couldn't imagine doing anything else! My husband and I have 2 children whom both go to Wolf Lake too! Go Wolf Pups! In my spare time, I am cheering on my kids at soccer, gymnastics, and football. I also love to travel with my family in our fifth wheel! I can't wait to get this school year started! To reach me, please email me at Carissa.savage@ocps.net. Our classroom is room 240. For now I leave you with the words of Rabindranath Tagore, "Reach High, For stars, lie hidden in you. Dream Deep, For every dream precedes the goal."

Mr. Cotanche- 5th Grade Math and Science

Welcome 5th Grade Wolf Pups! My name is Mr. Cotanche and I am beyond excited to be your 5th grade math and science teacher! This is a new year for all of us and an adventure that we will begin together. I know that you all hold yourself to high expectations and I want to assist you in achieving all your academic goals. In my classroom, we are a community, friends, and most importantly, a family. I want each of you to feel welcome and confident in our classroom. Every child is unique, and you will have many opportunities to display what makes you, You! Each of are a star, and I cannot wait for you to shine! On a personal note, I am an Apopka native and have lived here my entire life. I have the luxury of working with my wife, Skye Cotanche, who is a kindergarten teacher at Wolf Lake Elementary. I am a father to a two-year-old daughter who is a future Wolf Pup! I graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2015, "Charge On!" I am a true believer in always trying to improve yourself and some of my motivators include, my family, teaching, coffee, and my weekly shopping at Costco. My email address is Stephen.Cotanche@ocps.net. Looking forward to seeing you in room 234!



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SUPPLY LIST

Note: Your child's teacher may request *additional* supplies (see teacher letter)

- ☐ *3-4 Reams of Copy Paper*
- ☐ 2 - Composition Books
- ☐ #2 Pencils (at least a 24 pack)
- ☐ *1 Package of Cap Erasers*
- ☐ *2-3 Four Packs Expo Markers (used with the dry erase boards)*
- ☐ Colored Pencils or Colored Pencils with the eraser on the end
- ☐ Scissors (not children's)
- ☐ *Glue **Sticks** (12 glue sticks-preferably *Elmer's* brand)*
- ☐ Zipper pencil pouch w/ holes- to fit inside of the binder (NO boxes)
- ☐ 2 - One Inch Binders
- ☐ 3 - Three-Prong Folder with Pockets - Purple, Red, Blue
- ☐ Personal, labeled, refillable water bottle
- ☐ Earphones or Earbuds (NO Bluetooth and please try to avoid the ones from Dollar Stores)
Earphone Suggestion:
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B078S4134R/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1
Earbud Suggestion:
https://www.amazon.com/s?k=quality+earbuds&i=electronics&ref=nb_sb_noss_1
- ☐ *1 Box of Tissues*
- ☐ *Liquid Soap*
- ☐ *Clorox Wipes*
- ☐ *Paper Towels*
- ☐ *Ziploc Bags* - All sizes.
- ☐ **Highly Recommended** - since all students will have a laptop for classroom use, you can purchase a mouse for better computer control (NO wireless)

Note: The * next to items listed above are the items that we run out of quickly or need more of during the school year. So, IF families want to contribute more to the classroom wish list, these are the items to pick up during your school supply purchases. Your classroom support is greatly appreciated. 😊

Thank you for your support!