



**SHAY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT**

*Academic Excellence in a Family
Atmosphere*

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5TH GRADE

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A NOTE FROM MR. ERDMANN

Hello! My name is Joseph Erdmann and I am excited to be your child's fifth grade teacher! Together we will make this fifth grade experience enjoyable for all.

Throughout the year we will be learning various things. I will make this learning fun, educational, and specialized to the many different learning styles. We will use numerous learning strategies in order to become successful learners! I do have high expectations of my students, and expect that they work hard, strive for success, and be responsible for their learning. I will show my students the respect that they deserve as individuals who have different needs. Through communication the students and I can share our expectations of each other.

I received my undergraduate degree in elementary education with minors in language arts and social studies from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. My first year's teaching experience was in a public school in Pontiac, MI where I taught third grade. This is my third year at Shay. I was raised in Indian River where my family still resides. I am living in Petoskey with my wife Kari. I enjoy sports, camping, fishing, boating, and spending time with family and friends.

Throughout my experiences in education I have learned that in order to have a productive and successful classroom there are many key elements that all play a crucial role. There needs to be discipline, structure, goals, cooperation, and communication. By working together the teacher, parents, and student can make the school year fun and successful!

If there are any questions or concerns please contact me at the school on my voicemail (526-4521). I may also be reached by email at jerdmann@harborps.org. I look forward to meeting you all!

5th Grade Classroom Highlights

This year our 5th grade team will be working together to give students exciting educational experiences. Your child will be switching classes for math, science and social studies. We feel the students will be able to receive more material in greater depth, as we are able to focus our teaching in specific areas

Expectations and Goals for 5th Grade

❖ Math

- All 5th graders must know their multiplication facts!
- Read and write large numbers to the billions and decimals to the thousandths.
- Multiply 3 digit by 2 digit numbers and divide by 2 digit divisors with remainders.
- Add, subtract and multiply fractions.
- Begin to study algebra concepts.

❖ Language Arts

- Explore various types of literature.
- Correctly spell grade level words.
- Develop, edit and publish various writings.
- Write neatly and legibly.
- Communicate effectively with others.

❖ Science

- Demonstrate and describe the earth's movement.
- Describe how sound travels through matter.
- Use a microscope to compare and contrast cells.
- Dissect, identify and label parts of plants and animals.
- Identify the 10 systems of the body.

❖ Social Studies

- Major theme will be American History, beginning with 1830.
- Exploration of the new world and early settlements.
- Linking economic concepts to the colonies.
- Types of maps and the 5 themes of geography.
- Current Events.

We are working to develop field trips that directly link to the classroom curriculum!