*2016 5/6 Grade Syllabus*

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**Welcome Students!**

I would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year at Prairie Crossing! Ms. Breitenfield and I are looking forward to working with you and your families this year to help you have a positive experience and achieve success in the classroom. Included in this syllabus is an overview of my class rules and expectations, a brief description of curriculum content, and some information about myself and Ms. B. Please consult the Parent/Student Handbook for additional information regarding Prairie Crossing rules and procedures. Check out our online classroom for new updates and forecasting of upcoming events and curriculum. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to email either of us and we will do our best to respond in a timely fashion.
Thank you and let’s have a great year!

**Class Rules / Mr. Barber Pet Peeves:**

* *PCCS School Rules*
	+ All rules and guidelines set by the school will be followed within the classroom. Familiarize yourself with the student handbook if you have questions about what this means, but usually using good judgment will get you through the day.
* Online Sources
	+ Homework – Google Classroom/Calendar
	+ Online Classroom
* Take care of the classroom
	+ Push in your chairs / keeps desks in line
	+ Keep classroom tidy – classroom materials, lockers, and disposed materials.
	+ Kleenex / Sanitizer
* Computers
	+ Computers should be used only for their intended purposes
	+ Be mindful of those around you. (Volume)
	+ No food or drink near Chromebooks or other electronic devices.
* Food/Drink
	+ Water is allowed in the classroom throughout the day.
	+ Food and other beverages are only allowed during snack time and lunch.
* PBIS
	+ Mindset
	+ Safety
	+ Responsibility
	+ Respect

**Curriculum:**

In this section you will find an outline of the topics that will be covered this year in this classroom. For additional information, please contact me or Ms. Breitenfield. *(Note: This outline is not permanent and may change throughout the year.)*

* Math
	+ Fractions & Decimals, Ratios/Rates/Percent, Rational Numbers, Expressions, Equations & Inequalities, Geometry, Statistics, Formulas & Graphs
* ELA
	+ Esperanza Rising, Hoot, John Muir Biography, Journey to Jo’Burg
	+ Writing: Narrative, Informational, and Opinion
	+ Vocabulary: Vocabulary From Classical Roots
* Social Studies
	+ Government, Elections, National Parks, International Geography, Small Businesses (SLP), Food Sourcing (Economics)

**About Us:**

Kyle Barber
This is my first year at PCCS and my 6th year in the teaching profession. This career path seemed predetermined as I followed in my mother and father’s footsteps and entered the world of education. The journey began as I attended Illinois State University where I studied history and psychology, and eventually graduated with a degree in History Education. Prior to coming to PCCS, I worked at Glenbrook South High School and Wood Oaks Junior High teaching social studies and reading courses. I was born and raised in Northern Illinois and have lived here my entire life. I recently got married and moved to Grayslake where I live with my wife (Kelsey) and dog (Tori). Other facts about me include: I am huge sports fan, especially baseball (Go White Sox!), I have Celiac Disease which means I cannot eat foods with gluten in them, and I have coached baseball at the high school and travel levels.

Ann Breitenfield
My name is Ann Breitenfield and I am the fifth and sixth grade Instructional Assistant in Mr. Barber’s room. This is my second year at Prairie Crossing Charter School. I went to college in Minot, ND where I received my degree in elementary education. I grew up in the Mundelein area and attended Vernon Hills High School. In my free time I love to read and watch cheerleading. My favorite books are The House of Secrets and The Goosebumps series. One interesting fact about me is that I have been to 44 states and I am working on going to all 50 states.