



5th Grade Promotion



5th Grade Promotion at my school is the evening of Monday June 16!



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5th Grade Promotion is a ceremony in the gymnasium that recognizes all the 5th graders for their hard work and pronounces them all as 6th graders at the end. Afterwards there will be a reception for the new 6th graders, their families and/or support networks.



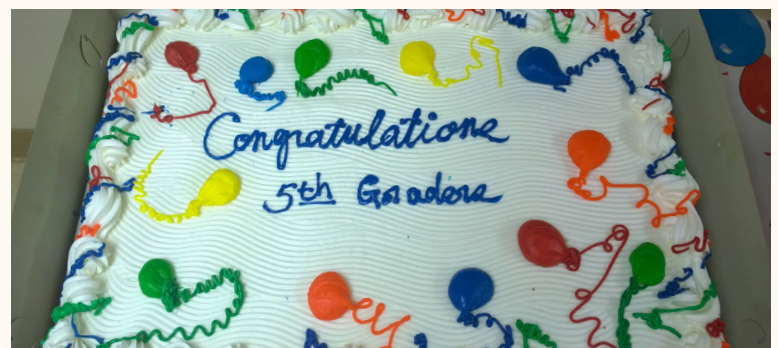
The first floor hallway, cafeteria, and gym might look different with decorations for the event.

If I am a 5th grader being promoted, I will arrive at the school by 5:45pm and go to the cafeteria. Half of the cafeteria will be for the 5th graders to get into their lines for the procession. The other half will have 4th grade parents setting up for the reception. I might see snacks and drinks, but it is not time to have them yet. I will wait until after the promotion for refreshments.



Words to know!

- Promotion** - a raise to a higher grade or position
- Ceremony** - a formal event, often practiced, typically celebrating a particular occasion
- Reception** - a little party that often takes place after a ceremony or show
- Procession** - a number of people moving in an orderly fashion, especially as part of a ceremony.
- Process** - to walk in a procession



It might be loud while I wait. I can wear ear defenders. I can tell an adult that I am going to wait in the hall outside of the cafeteria, but I will stay close by so I don't miss my spot in line as they go into the gym.



At 6pm, the doors to the gymnasium will open for supporters of the 5th graders. The audience will have caregivers, parents, siblings, grandparents, other family, teachers, coaches, counselors - all of them proud of the work the 5th graders have done and excited to celebrate turning into 6th graders.



The gym will have many chairs. Some will be facing away from the windows - there are the seats for the audience. Some of them will be facing the windows - these will be the seats for the 5th graders. The room will be full of people by the time the ceremony starts. There will also be a large video screen in the corner of the room. If I am coming to support a 5th grader, I will find an audience seat with my caregivers.



When the ceremony begins, a [song](#) will be played, and all the 5th graders will **process** in line from the cafeteria and into the gym to take their seats. If I am a 5th grader, I will have practiced earlier and know where my place in line and seat is. We will be facing the audience full of people there to support us.

I might feel nervous in front of all of those people. If I feel nervous, I can bring a quiet fidget toy. I can look at my support system - which could be parents, relatives, teachers, and friends. I can wear ear defenders to be found in the cafeteria.

The presentation will take about 30 minutes. It will go like this:

- 1) Mr. R gives a speech
- 2) Ms. Strand introduces the student speakers
- 3) 3 student speeches by representatives from each homeroom
- 4) Ms. Hogue will announce an award
- 5) There will be a presentation with music and photos of all of the 5th graders now and as babies.
- 6) As Ms. Strand calls each 5th grader's name, they will walk to the music stand and get their promotion certificate from Mr. R. I can shake Mr. R's hand when it's my turn to get my certificate, then go back to my seat.
- 7) After all the 5th graders are called, Ms. Hall will give a speech and welcome the now 6th grade class as they process back to the cafeteria. Adults will join afterwards.



During the ceremony, the audience will be asked not to clap and cheer until after all names are called, but people can get excited and forget to use their silent applause. I can model silent applause by wiggling my hands for our adult guests. The adults will probably make noises when they see baby pictures on the screen. There may be applause after each speaker, and there will be applause and cheers at the end when welcoming the new 6th graders.



During the ceremony, I will do my best to be quiet when people are speaking. If I need to move my body, I will wait until between speakers, and go to the edge of the room, so I don't distract people from giving their speeches or watching the ceremony.



Afterwards, there will be a reception. Everyone is invited to get their refreshments in the cafeteria, then take them outside to the garden. The new 6th graders can get their refreshments first. In the garden people will be chatting and many will be taking photos with the new 6th Graders. I will follow the same rules at the reception as we have for recess.

Congratulations to all of this year's 5th Grade class from the whole B. F. Day Family! We are so excited for your journey to 6th Grade!