5th to 6th Grade Transition:

Preparing the students to transition from fifth to sixth grade is a challenge that East Midvale Elementary 5th Grade teachers are engaged in each day. The teachers strive to prepare student academically, emotionally, and socially.

The Teachers follow the common core and the district curriculum map. They adhere to the items in the academic framework and make connections with the students as to what they are learning and express why it is applicable and important.

In reading and language arts instruction, the teachers help students to set and meet the goal of reaching spring benchmark for fifth grade. The Scholastic Reading Inventory is used and the results are discussed with students as they set goals to improve. The SRI results are also used to place students in their 6th grade Language Arts classes. They work specifically on vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension in both whole and small groupings based upon skills needed to be successful and help students increase their reading skills. They teach student the “Four Square” method for writing and give student plenty of opportunity to write on Utah Compose. There are common and formative assessments provided on a regular and ongoing basis that also help to address student needs as they prepare to enter their middle school years.

In math, the teachers work on multiplication and mastering facts daily so students will have a solid foundation of math facts. They use the Pearson Realize Platform for daily lessons. Any assignments given in math that are not completed in math go home as homework. These are reviewed and checked to help teach accountability and to assess learning.

Teachers also reinforce the importance of being at school on time and ready to learn everyday. The teachers provide students with a homework folder to keep their work in and to support the student’s organizational needs. They constantly remind students that they need to take responsibility for their learning.

Our students use planners in fifth grade to track learning and assessments everyday so students will learn the habit of recording classwork that needs to be completed at home.

As far as being a citizen of a school the teachers reinforce the importance of school goals such as being safe, respectful, and responsible.

Socially, the teachers make the classroom a safe place to learn and where their thoughts and feelings are valued. They reinforce the importance of no bullying. Being kind to one another and being a good citizen is reinforced each day. The teachers are also trying to teach students to have good manners. Our teachers invite the PLT and LIA students from Hillcrest high school, Counselors and former students from Midvale Middle School to help make connections to middle school and high school. We utilize DARE, BizTown, and the Symphony to enrich our students understanding of the greater world around them.
Midvale Middle School counselors meet East Midvale Elementary 5th grade students in their individual classroom. They provide information about registration, different classes, and options that exist at the middle school. The Counselors also invite the 5th graders to go to the middle school and walk around the campus to become familiar with the building during a voluntary open-house.

Fifth grade teachers provide time in class to fill out registration forms and check them for accuracy prior to them being submitted to the middle school. They also fill out all academic records and pass them on to the appropriate middle school.