

Dear 5K,

Welcome to FIFTH GRADE! I am so excited to be your teacher next school year and I look forward to having YOU in my class! I cannot wait to get started on our path of learning together beginning Tuesday, September 3rd!

I am so thrilled to have you in my classroom! I love to learn and hope my enthusiasm for learning and using technology is contagious. I have four children, Kevin who is twelve years old. Caroline and Brendan are twins who are currently 9 years old. My youngest, Olivia, just turned 7 years old! Mrs. Kelly and my kids are the “smile of my heart,” and I will be sure to share some fun photos and stories from time to time about my family with my “Butler Family.” During my free time, I take pleasure in spending time with my family and friends, exercising, coaching swimming at Pennridge Aquatic Club, and creating technology projects.

Your fifth-grade year is going to be an exciting year. The other fifth grade teachers and I have many exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for the year. Each day will be full of new experiences, challenges, and growth. I will do my part to help you “GROW.” I’m counting on you to do your part, so that you can take pride in your success and achievements. We will continue to build upon and expand our math, reading, and writing skills. In social studies, we will learn about geography, American Indians and their land, Routes to the New World, Early Settlement and Colonies, Facing Slavery and Colonial Life, American Revolution, and the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In science, we will study Nature’s Recyclers, Energy, and Weather.

During the remainder of your summer break, you can help prepare for fifth grade by reading independently, writing, and practicing your standard algorithms for multiplication and division. Families, please email me your desired email address or addresses for communication. If you email me, I can send you links from the Central Bucks School District that give ideas of what you can do during the summer to get ready for fifth grade including a book suggestion list for your summer independent reading.

I look forward to hearing about your summer and your dreams for fifth grade. I will be sure to have our room ready, and I appreciate your efforts and your family’s efforts in buying your school supplies. I have included a specific list of supplies on the back of this letter. If you have any questions about any of the items, feel free to email me (skelly@cbsd.org). Enjoy the remainder of your summer break and I will see you soon!

See you soon!

Mr. Kelly 



General First Day Information

Please email me at skelly@cbsd.org the following information as soon as you can so I can create an email address book for our classroom. This will allow me to send information electronically in a timely way including over the summer!

- **Student and Family Name** – Please tell me the preferred spelling and pronunciation of their name.
- **Email Addresses** - I will be creating an electronic mailing service for general communications (you can send me more than one address). I am really encouraging the use of email communication as it is quick and direct. If you do not have Internet access, please write me a note. I will send home important updates via your child's homework folder and assignment book.
- **Homework Buddy** - reliable and dependable contact person to bring home assignments when your child is absent. I need to know the child's name and their homeroom teacher. If you wish to pick up assignments at the office, please indicate that preference.
- **Means of Transportation** - Bus (include number if possible), Car, Walker
- **Other information you feel would be valuable** - I would love to hear from you and hear about your summer and about the excitement you have for the upcoming school year. You could also add your summer story or excitement for the upcoming school year on the guest book page of our website. I hope to hear from you!

5 Kelly Supply List

- Supply case to hold items below inside your desk!
 - One pair of scissors – placed in your supply case.
 - Pencils – sharpened and placed in your supply case.
 - One color pen (red, green, etc.) for editing – place in supply case.
 - One hand-held pencil sharpener with lid – place in supply case
 - One Sharpie – Black, fine point – place in supply case
- One notebook of 100 pages or more
- One Marble Style Composition Book
- Headphones or earbuds (Dollar Store) to use with laptop – Need for Library
- Refillable Water Bottle