

Dear Fifth Grader and Family,

The fifth-grade teachers are looking forward to having you as our student in the fall. We have a year of discovery, collaboration and innovation planned for you.

Reading is an important part of our curriculum. You will learn comprehension strategies and various response methods while reading a variety of literary genres. We will be using the My View Literacy Program. In addition, independent reading and novel studies are key components of our program, with the goal of becoming skilled readers who love reading and choose to read independently. You will find the variety of books interesting, enjoyable and, at the same time, challenging.



Language arts is taught through effective integration of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking. In written language, we will focus on developing the writing process, as well as quality end products. We will use mentor texts to engage and inspire your writing. As a fifth grader, you will be asked to develop pieces in a variety of genres.

In math, we will continue to use Calendar Math & Math in Focus curriculums. Math in Focus is a curriculum with problem solving as the center of math learning. You will learn how to communicate mathematically, reason logically, problem solve using the bar model method, and exhibit the characteristic of perseverance in problem-solving situations. Some of the chapters we cover are fractions, decimals, volume, polygons, ratios, percent, line plots and the coordinate plane.

We will further explore our world together in science and social studies as we delve into the areas of weather, energy, decomposers, geography, American Indians, early American Settlements, and the Revolutionary War. We will also examine important documents like the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

You have our best wishes for your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

5th Grade Supply List

- **Headphones** or earbuds
- **Laptop case** (*you received with laptop*) to carry district laptop
- **1 composition books** (not spiral)
- **4 plastic folders** (red, blue, green, yellow, or a variety)
- A pair of **scissors**
- **A dozen sharpened pencils**
- 1 black **sharpie** (fine point)
- 1 yellow **highlighter**
- Individual hand-held **pencil sharpener**
- **Pencil case** (*not box*) that can be closed securely (to hold supplies listed above)
- **2 boxes of tissues**
- Clorox or disinfectant **wipes**
- **Hand Sanitizer**

Sincerely,

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