

# DRAFT

## GREETINGS TO INCOMING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Welcome to the fifth grade. We look forward to many wonderful lessons, projects and theme related field trips. In order to get the most out of your school experience, here are a few things you need to know.

The schedule will be Language Arts in the morning and math after recess. After lunch students will participate in physical education, science, social studies and special projects.

There will be a five minute snack interval prior to the morning recess. Please bring only nutritious snacks that can be eaten within that time. Only water is permitted in class, and encouraged daily. Students need to bring a water bottle to use in class that is to be brought home for cleaning each Friday.

Each student is to come to school prepared. Daily necessities include: binder paper, several pencils, healthy snack/lunch, water bottle, journals, long term project materials to work on in class, and planning calendar.

### Keys For Success for 5th Graders the Summer

- Read four times a week leveled chapter books & or preview the 5th grade novels
- Writing in a Journal a few times a week: Ideas: (Chapter Book, trips, sports, pets, family)
- Practice multiplication tables weekly until memorized (flash cards)
- Practice adding/subtracting weekly until memorized (flash cards)
- Start Memorizing States & Capitals flash cards or the Internet
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### Supplies for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Pencils and Pencil Sharpener(s) with shavings catcher (*replenish* both as needed)
- Notebook Paper (*replenish as needed*)
- Six - Spiral one-subject notebooks (70-100 pages)
- Two- composition book (the black & white)
- Five – twin(2) pocket portfolios with **fasteners**  
(**red, blue, green**, and two colors of your choice)
- At least 4 Ultra fine point black Sharpie markers
- **Colored Pencils**
- Pencil Bag/pouch (NO pencil boxes)
- Highlighters
- Earbuds or “small” headphones- in ziplock bag labeled
- Classroom novels needed (Sees Behind Trees by Michael Dorris, My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier, Flush by Carl Hiaasen, A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle, and Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare) – to highlight & underline key points
- Clip Board

Extras – not required-

- Mini stapler
- Scissors

Because of our limited class supply budgets, we would appreciate donations of the following items:

- Notebook paper (wide or college rule)
- Glue Sticks
- sandwich size plastic bags
- Copy paper
- boxes of facial tissue
- fine and ultra-fine Sharpies
- colored pencils
- origami paper
- Clorox-Wipes
- Paper towels

**Parent Volunteers:** We need to fill the following parental positions in each class as soon as possible so that we may concentrate on curriculum at Back-to-School Night. If you are interested in working on one or more of the positions, or if you have any difficulty earning parent hours any other way, please let us know during the first week of school.

- **Class Manager**
- **Field Trip Coordinator**
- **Class Treasurer**
- **Party Coordinator**
- **Fundraising coordinator**
- **Colonial Day Coordinator**
- **Living History Day Coordinator**
- **Makers Fair Coordinator**
- **Winter Fair Coordinator**
- **Art links/Art Coordinator**
- **Yearbook Coordinator**
- **At-home and /or at-school projects:**  
e.g. Book binding, preparing supplies
- **In-class help** (writers workshop, math tutoring art, hours/days will vary)

**At-home correcting:**

1. weekly spelling tests
2. maps
3. miscellaneous correcting

- **PTC Representative**
- **Winter Faire Coordinator**
- **Annual PTC Parent Event**