

ON Supply List

June 25, 2008

Dear Fifth Graders:

Welcome to Fifth Grade!!!! I am very happy to be your Fifth Grade teacher and I want to be the first to invite you back to school next September, to begin an exciting and challenging year.

There is so much to discover and learn in Fifth Grade. Chinese, Greek, and Roman plays, research projects on Ancient Egypt, using primary sources to write essays, polyhedra math constructions, tessellations, Fibonacci Friday, Greek Olympics, and a parachute contest highlight some of the wonderful activities you will participate in. After several weeks of American history and geography review, you will be studying the ancient civilizations of the Eastern Hemisphere. You will design experiments and study the human body, ecology, matter, rocks, and the universe. You will be writing newspapers, a children's storybook, a book of poetry, journals, reports, and letters. We'll be reading novels, short stories, mysteries, poetry, newspapers, magazines and historical fiction.

While continuing to develop your skills in reading, writing, and mathematics, we will also emphasize responsibility, organization and independence. Fifth Grade will be challenging and rewarding. Your commitment to do your best and the motivation to learn all that you can are important. I want you to be successful and will help you in whatever way possible.

You will be having a number of different teachers for a short portion of the day next year. The teachers on the Fifth Grade team are Mr. Castine, Mrs. Duffy-Coryer, Mrs. Drollette, Mrs. Garman, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Neyenhouse, and Mrs. Wilkins.

An assignment pad will be given to each child in September. Below is a list of school supplies that you will need. Hopefully you can take advantage of some of the "Back-to-School Sales."

- 4 **one-subject notebooks** with pockets if possible for Science, Social Studies, ELA, and Reading
- 1 **three-subject notebook** for math
- 10 **two pocket folders:**
 - 2 strong ones to use as test dividers
 - 1 for a poetry project
 - 1 for research
 - 6 for subject areas (all subject areas and music)

For organizational purposes, please try to coordinate your 5 subject folders (and notebooks if possible) with the following colors:

orange - math
green - science

blue - reading
yellow - ELA (English/Language Arts)

red - social studies

- **1 vinyl two-pocket folder** - home folder for homework and school notices
- **1 marble notebook** for journal writing
- **3 pencils per day** (20 or 30 for the year)
- **2 pens** (erasable preferred)
- **colored pencils** and **thin magic markers** for maps, S.S. and science drawings
- **2 highlighters** (different colors)
- **pencil sharpeners** (with compartment for shavings)
- **1 metric/standard ruler** (12 inches)
- **2 glue sticks, scotch tape**
- **5 large textbook covers** - no "sticky" covers allowed

Optional supplies include:

- scientific calculator with fraction TI 30/solar/battery (\$12-15)
- small stapler, scissors, crayons

If you lose this list, please call the office to get another one (565-5980). Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy your summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Neyenhouse