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Welcome Future Fifth Graders and Families!

All of the 5th grade teachers would like to welcome you and your family to 5th grade! We are very excited to meet you and get to know each of you in the fall. Even though summer is just about to begin, there is a lot of learning that must happen during your vacation. There are a few skills that are EXTREMELY important which all future 5th graders should know before the first day of school in the fall.

### MATH FACTS MEMORIZED

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts for numbers 1-12 should be memorized BEFORE the first day of school. Why is this so important? In fifth grade, we will start immediately with new math skills. There is little time to review or to practice math facts, therefore, each student should have them memorized - no exceptions. You could purchase or make flashcards and should spend 5 minutes each day memorizing the facts.

### READ 30 MINUTES DAILY

In order to continue the growth made in reading this year, students MUST continue to read each day over summer. It is critical to set aside 30 uninterrupted minutes each day to read material at their reading level. Students can read by themselves, to a family member, to a pet, to a stuffed animal, to anyone, or anything. Encourage your child to read a variety of genres; fiction, nonfiction, poetry, newspapers, and magazines. After reading, it's important to reflect on what was read by writing in a journal. In their journal, students should keep a log of the books read.

### WRITING

In Writer's Workshop all fourth grades learn to live their lives as writers. We would like each of them to continue using their writing skills all summer long! Your child can tell stories through fictional or personal narratives, write about important topics in a personal essay, comment on a story that has touched them by writing a literary essay, or express feelings and thoughts about the world around them through poetry.

During the summer, students should spend time doing educational activities. Their schedule could look like:

Flashcards - Math Facts	5 minutes
Reading	30 minutes
Writing	10 minutes

The students that follow this routine will find themselves very ready for 5th grade. We know families want their children to be successful, so please set aside 45 minutes each day for their benefit!

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In the fall, your student's teacher will be sending home a list of school supply donations. Since most school supply sales happen over the summer, here is a partial list of needed supplies that can be donated for your student's use:

Binder Paper	Quadrille Rule Graph Paper	Hand Sanitizer	Clorox/Lysol Wipes
Lined Index cards	Ream of Copy Paper	Erasers	White Out
Pens - black, blue, red	Earbuds in a container	Ruler	Pencils
Backpack	2 inch Binder (hard cover)	Post - It Notes	Kleenex (tissue) boxes

All teachers see 5th grade as a year of preparation for middle school, and take it extremely seriously. Therefore, we have very high expectations of all our students. This is the year that you will be asked to work and problem solve for longer periods of time independently. You will also be expected to collaborate and intellectually converse with a variety of partnerships, small groups, and whole class. 5th grade is full of many fun activities, but these are all privileges, and they must be earned. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Have an enjoyable summer, full of fun and learning!

Sincerely, 5th grade Teachers