



Dear Parents and Guardians of the Fifth Grade,

Welcome to Grade Five! I hope everyone had an exciting and eventful summer. I am greatly looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing all about it, and jumping full force into the new school year. **Just a reminder that the first day of school (Tuesday, September 3rd) will have a 12 noon dismissal time.**

Please join me in welcoming **two new families** to our class. The students are Marcus Berrette and Naeem Horton.

This year we have many fun and integrative subjects ahead of us in the curriculum. The students will begin woodworking this year with Mr. Somers. We will explore the geography of our beautiful North American continent and through Botony we will discover the rich plant life around us. We will also delve into ancient world cultures of India, Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt and Greece, and our studies will culminate in the much anticipated Fifth Grade Olympics. This will be a chance for the children to actually experience and embody the history that we learn along the way. Math will introduce decimal fractions. Language Arts will get increasingly challenging as we solidify our understanding of all parts of speech and paragraph structures as we strengthen our writing skills. The class play will also give them the opportunity to shine and grow, as will our Class Trip to our beloved Glen Brook farm.

As you plan your back to school shopping, please keep in mind our new **dress code**. Garments are to be free of all media images and all writing. Leggings may only be worn as tights under a garment that is of appropriate length. Our first day back at school we will have our Opening Assembly. Please be sure students are dressed up for this occasion wearing assembly attire. (See Parent Handbook for details.)

The **supplies** needed for main lesson, French and German classes have been ordered for each child. Loretta Mignone and I will be creating sets of the necessary supplies for each child, and I will distribute them on the first day of school. Any additional supplies needed during the course of the year will be available in the bookstore. Your child will need money on their [bookstore account](#) to purchase these supplies. It is recommended that each child begin the year with \$250.00 on account.

Please do not send in extra materials as we are trying to maintain our things in good order and to use them properly and treat them with respect. Your child will also need materials at home for homework. They will need a supply of colored and regular pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, plain and wide-ruled paper and a dictionary. These supplies may be purchased wherever it is convenient for you.

Please join me for **our first parent meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00pm.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. This is going to be a positive and rewarding year!

Sincerely,

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